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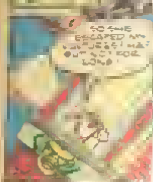
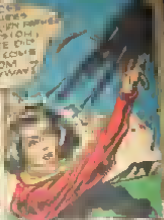
OLD JOHN WORTH AND HIS DAUGHTER GLADYS HAVE STRUCK A WONDERFUL VEIN OF VIRGIN GOLD ON THE DESERT LANDS OF WYOMING. HURRIEDLY, THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO TOWN TO REGISTER THEIR CLAIM. BUT SUDDENLY ALONG THAT SUNBAKED ALKALI ROAD, THEY'RE FIERCELY ATTACKED BY A HORDE OF VULTURES. ... IS THERE SOME HIDDEN FORCE CONTROLLING THESE FEARFUL BIRDS OF PREY? THERE MUST BE! FOR JOHN WORTH IS THE THIRD MINER WHO HAS MADE A GOLD STRIKE IN RECENT WEEKS, THAT THESE VULTURES HAVE ATTACKED! AND NOW... FOLLOW THE STORY!

SAM DECKER

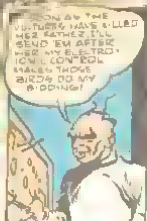


GLADYS WORTH
WAS LATE AFTER
NOON

THREE
VULTURES
WAVE TURNED
TO DIVISION,
WHERE DID
THEY COME
FROM
ANYWAY?



SO SHE
ESCAPED
MY
FINGER!
BUT NOT FOR
LONG!

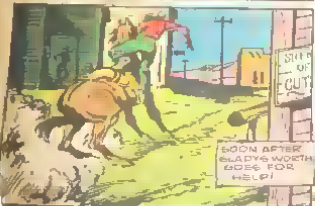


SOON AS THE
VULTURES HAVE
KILLED
HER, I'LL
SEND 'EM AFTER
HER MY ELECTRO-
NIC CONTROL
MACHINE THOSE
BIRDS DO MY
BIDDING!



THE GIRL MUST
TELL NO ONE WHERE HER
FATHER'S GOLD CLAIM
IS! THAT GOLD IS
MINE!

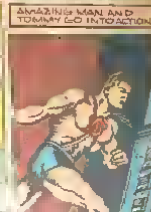
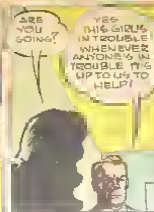
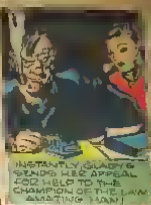
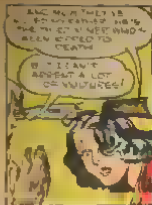
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DR. NORD ON TOP OF
THE MOUNTAIN

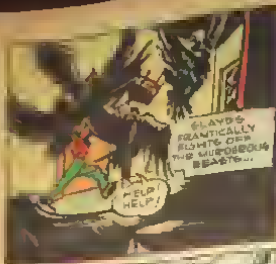


SOON AFTER
GLADYS WORTH
GOES FOR
HELP!



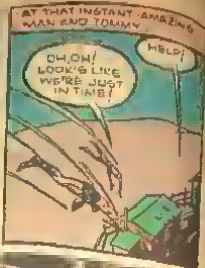
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GLAYDS FRANTICALLY
FLIGHTS OFF
THE MONSTROUS
BEASTS...

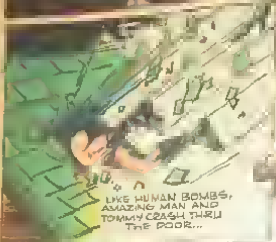
HELP!
HELP!



AT THAT INSTANT AMAZING
MAN AND TOMMY

OH, OH!
LOOK'S LIKE
WE'RE JUST
IN TIME!

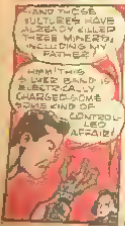
HELP!



LIKE HUMAN BOMBS,
AMAZING MAN AND
TOMMY CRASH THRU
THE DOOR...

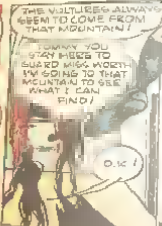


DON'T WORRY,
MR. WORTH, IT'LL
DON BE
LIVED



AND THOSE
VULTURES HAVE
ALREADY KILLED
THREE MINERS,
INCLUDING MY
FATHER!

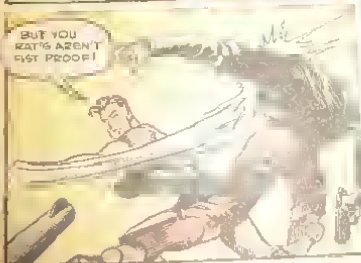
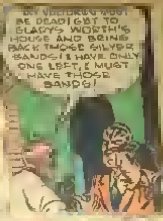
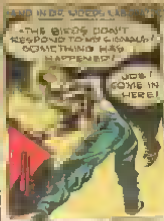
HANITHIS
A LIVER BAND IS
ELECTRICALLY
CHARGED, SOME
SOME KIND OF
CONTROL-
LED AFFAIR!



THE VULTURES ALWAYS
SEEM TO COME FROM
THAT MOUNTAIN!

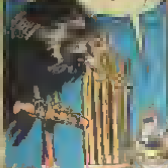
TOMMY YOU
STAY HERE TO
GUARD MISS WORTH
I'M GOING TO THAT
MOUNTAIN TO SEE
WHAT I CAN
FIND!

O.K!





— A JO JO
BEAUTY/HAI THAT
FOOL IN THE SHAFT IS
NOT PROTECTED
AGAINST YOUR CLAWS
AS I AM!



JUST A LITTLE COBRA
VENOM AND WHEN YOU
RIP YOUR CLAWS INTO
THAT COSTUMED
FOOL
QUEST
HE'LL
DIE!



NOW TO ATTACH THIS
CONTROL BAND AND
THEN YOU'LL BE
EXACTLY WHERE I
WANT YOU TO!



CONTROLLED BY
MORO'S ELECTRO-
NIC TRANS-
MITTER, THE
VULTURE PLUM-
METS DOWN-
WARD TOWARD
— AMAZING
MAN —



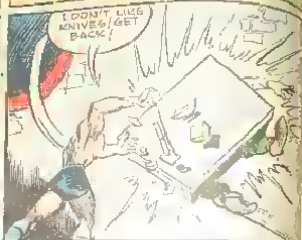
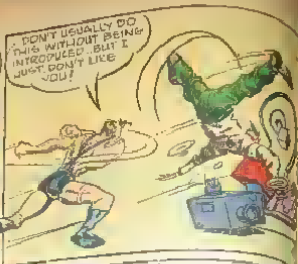
I GOTTA FIGHT
THIS FELLOW
AT CLOSE
QUARTERS!

WITH LIGHTNING FURY, THE VULTURE SMASHES
INTO AMAZING MAN... RIPPING IT'S POISONED
CLAWS ACROSS HIS ARM....



AND NOW
I'LL LOOK THIS
PLACE OVER!

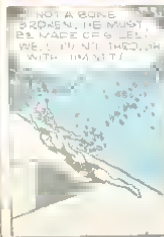
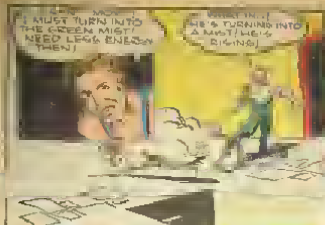




SUPPENLY, THE COBRA VENOM BEGINS TO TAKE EFFECT..

A-A-A-AH! THE POISON IS WORKING! NOW IS MY CHANCE





CHANGED
BACK TO
HIS NATURAL
FORM BY THE
POWERFUL RAY
AMAZING MAN,
HALF UNCONSCIOUS
PLUNGES DOWN
THE SHAFT....

HELLO, BOB/DIDJA GET
THOSE SILVER BANDS
FROM GLADYS WORTH'S
HOUSE?

WE COULDN'T! WE
MET THE AMAZING
MAN GUY HE
BEAT US UP!



FOOLS GET TO THE
GIRL'S HOUSE AFTER
THOSE BANDS! DON'T
FAIL OR I'LL SEND
THE VULTURES
AFTER YOU!



HE SAID HE'D
KICK THE VULTURES
ON US!

YEAH
(PAINT - PAINT)
THAT'S WHAT HE
SAID!



MEANWHILE AT GLADYS
WORTH'S HOUSE...

BUT HOW
DO THE
SILVER
BANDS
WORK?

OH, SOME
POWERFUL
TRANSMITTER
MUST REACT
ON THEM! THIS
FORCES THE
VULTURES TO
DO WHAT
THAT MASTER
WANTS!



ALL RIGHT! STAND
WHERE YOU ARE!
DON'T MOVE!



WHA
WHO ARE
YOU? WHAT
DO YOU
WANT?

ALL I WANT
LADY, THEN
SILVER BANDS
AROUND THE
VULTURES

AFTER
THAT YOU
WELL, STAY
CLEAN UP
YOU TWO
UP!



CLEAN UP! WE'LL
SEE ABOUT
THAT!



MEANWHILE, AT THE BOTTOM OF THE CRAB INFESTED PIT, AMAZING MAN GRADUALLY REGAINS HIS SENSES.

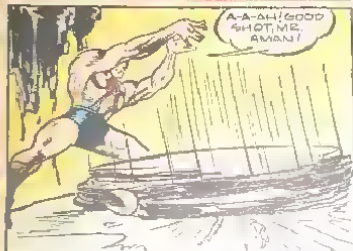


THE GREAT MAN'S AMAZING STRENGTH RETURNS.

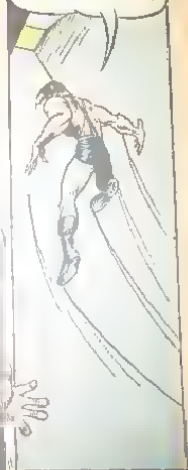
GIANT CRABS? WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE I'M IN FOR A FIGHT!



WELL, THEY'LL DO THE TRICK!



NOW FOR THAT CRAZY COOT UP IN THE LABORATORY!



SOON'S JOB RETURNS WITH THREE SILVER BANDS. I'LL SEE ABOUT TAKING OVER THE WORTH GOLD CLAIM!



"AT THAT INSTANT...
AMAZING MAN!"



"HEY, FELLER
I'M BACK
AGAIN!"

YAAAAA
GUMM!



TORPEDO!
BOOM!
BOOM!



WOW! NOW
WE'LL HAVE
SOME FUN!

OUCH!



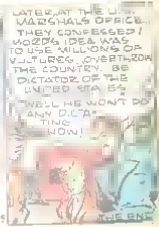
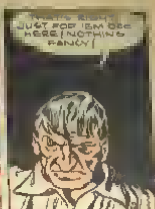
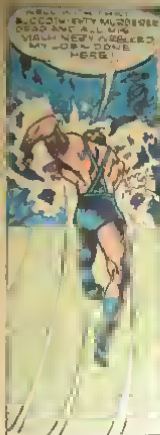
HELP ME
EEOOWWWW!
THEY'LL RIP
ME TO BITS!



HELP!



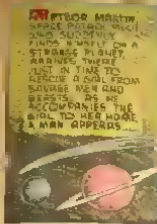
OOOOOOOO
JOOOWWWW!



METEOR MARTIAN

and the
MONSTERS
of **GORIKON**



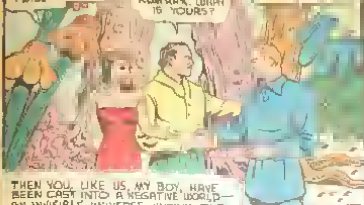


YES, THANKS TO
THIS MAN! HE
SAVED MY LIFE
TWICE!

HOW CAN I
THANK YOU?
MY NAME IS
ROMARK, WHAT
IS YOURS?

METEOR MARTIN,
FROM THE
PLANET EARTH!

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW I
GOT HERE THOUGH
I WAS ATTACKED BY
MARTIAN WARSHIPS
WHILE ON MOON PATROL
DUTY SOMETHING
STRUCK MY SHIP WHEN
I CAME TO I FOUND
MYSELF GROUNDED ON
THIS PLANET

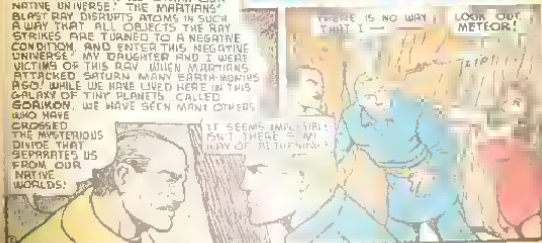


THEN YOU, LIKE US, MY BOY, HAVE
BEEN CAST INTO A NEGATIVE WORLD—
AN INVISIBLE UNIVERSE WITHIN OUR
NATIVE UNIVERSE! THE MARTIANS'
BLAST RAY DISRUPTS ATOMS IN SUCH
A WAY THAT ALL OBJECTS THE RAY
STRIKES ARE TURNED TO A NEGATIVE
CONDITION, AND ENTER THIS NEGATIVE
UNIVERSE. MY DAUGHTER AND I WERE
VICTIMS OF THIS RAY WHEN MARTIANS
ATTACKED SATURN MANY EARTH-MONIES
AGO! WHILE WE HAVE LIVED HERE IN THIS
GALAXY OF TINY PLANETS CALLED
GORIKON, WE HAVE SEEN MANY OTHERS
WHO HAVE
CROSSED THE MYSTERIOUS
DIVIDE THAT
SEPARATES US
FROM OUR
NATIVE
WORLDS!

IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!
ISN'T THERE A WAY
OF RETURNING?

THERE IS NO WAY
THAT I —

LOOK OUT!
METEOR!



THERE'S SOME OF GHOOS' BOOK! HE MET US A WHILE AGO AND TRIED TO TAKE ME WITH HIM! METEOR KNOCKED HIM DOWN! HE WON'T REST NOW UNTIL HE GETS METEOR!

THAT MODDERER! I'M GLAD YOU HAD THE NERVE TO STRIKE HIM, METEOR. BUT NOW IT WOULD BE SUICIDE FOR YOU TO STAY HERE! GHOOS IS ORGANIZING THE KILLERS OF THIS PLANET, AND IT INTENDS TO GOVERN IT SOON.



WELL, NOW THAT YOU'RE WITH YOUR FATHER, I MAY AS WELL GET BACK TO MY SHIP AND TRY TO REPAIR IT.

WAIT! IF I CAN MAKE YOUR SHIP FLY, WILL YOU TAKE US TO ANOTHER PLANET?



GLADLY LET'S GO!

OH! IT WOULD BE WONDERFUL TO LEAVE THIS DREADFUL PLACE!



MEANWHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE JUNGLE, THE EVIL MAN CALLED GHOOS AWAITS THE RETURN OF THE SAVAGE HE HAS SENT TO KILL METEOR.

AH! HERE HE COMES!



I NO KILL HIM! I MISS HE GO WITH MAN AND GIRL BACK TO SHIP!

WHAT?

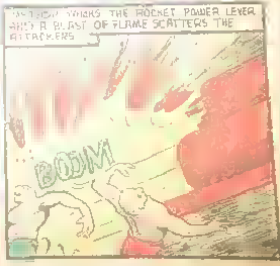
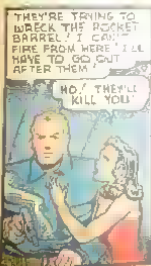


DOES THIS WILL TEACH YOU NOT TO FAIL WHEN I SEND YOU OUT TO DO SOMETHING?



AFTER THEM MEN! I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO TO THE OTHER TWO, BUT DON'T HARM THE GIRL!





WE'RE OFF! WHAT
DID YOU DO TO
THE SHIP, RONRAA?

MERELY REVERSED
THE BATTERY
WIRES! THIS IS A
NEGATIVE UNIVERSE,
YOU KNOW!

WHERE ARE
WE GOING?

WE MAY AS WELL LAND
ON THE FIRST PLANET
WE REACH!

I HOPE IT ISN'T
ANYTHING LIKE THE
ONE WE JUST LEFT!

YOU THINK YOU'RE ESCAPING FROM
ME? WELL YOU'RE NOT! I'LL
GET ALL OF YOU YET!

LATER IN GROOB'S HEADQUARTERS, ONE OF
GORIKON'S STRANGE CREATURES APPEARS.

YOU SENT FOR ME.
WHAT DO YOU
WISH?

I WANT TO USE THOSE
POWERFUL EYES OF YOURS!
SCAN THE PLANETS AND
TELL ME IF YOU CAN FIND
A SPACE-SHIP ON ANY OF
THEM!

GROOB LIKES A GOOD HUNT. THE NEXT
PLANET THREE PEOPLE ARE LEAVING IN.
HMM! THEY'LL NOT RETURN TO THAT
SHIP! THEY HAVE FALLEN INTO AN INSEC'S
TRAP! YOU KNOW WHAT
THAT MEANS!

GOOD! NOW IF I
CAN GET THERE IN
TIME THEY'LL BE
MY PRISONERS!

PREPARE THE GUN MACHINE!
I'VE GOT TO GOOK! I'VE GOT
TO GOOK!

A-ADY
KEEP INSIDE!

THE WEAK GRAVITY OF THE
LITTLE PLANET MAKES IT
POSSIBLE FOR GROOB TO
BE PROJECTED OUT INTO
THE AIR-FILLED SPACE
BETWEEN THE SPHERES!



AS THE GRAVITY OF THE OTHER
PLANET SETTLER HIN, GROOB
BREAKS HIS FALL WITH A CRUDE
SORT OF PARACHUTE



MEANWHILE, IN THE SPONGY
PLAP BUILT BY GIANT INSECTS...

ISN'T THERE
SOME WAY
OUT OF
THIS THING?

TAKE IT EASY
METEOR. IF YOU
MOVE AROUND TOO
MUCH, YOU'LL SINK
IN OVER YOUR
HEAD!

IT'LL BE THE
END FOR US
AS SOON AS
ONE OF THOSE
HORRIBLE INSECTS
COMES ALONG!



GELL! WELL! WHAT A
SITUATION! CAN'T YOUR FAIR-
HAired FRIEND HELP YOU OUT
OF THERE, RANA?

GROOB!
GET US
OUT OF HERE!



OF COURSE I'LL GET YOU OUT MY DEAR,
BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVEN'T TIME TO
BOTHR WITH THESE OTHER TWO!



THE INSTANT GROOB GETS HER TO
SAFETY, RANA WHEELS - AND -

IN YOU GO
YOU BRUTE!

HEY!



GOOD WORK, RANA! NOW RUN
THAT LOG OVER THIS WAY - IF
YOU CAN - SO THAT WE CAN
CRAWL OUT!



THERE YOU ARE!



YOU'LL NEVER GET
AWAY WITH THIS!
LET ME OUT OF
HERE!



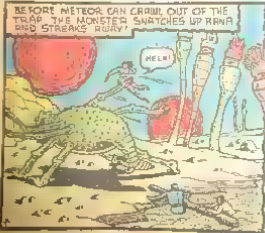
SUDDENLY A HORRIBLE
SHAPE AMBLES INTO VIEW!



IT'S ONE OF THE INSECTS!
DON'T LET IT GET RANA!



BEFORE METEOR CAN CRAWL OUT OF THE
TRAP THE MONSTER SNATCHES UP RANA
AND STREAKS AWAY!



METEOR GRAB
A CLUB AND
RACES IN A



WENT
INTO THAT
CAVE!



A TUNNEL? IF I FOLLOW IT, I'LL PROBABLY NEVER COME BACK, BUT I'VE GOT TO TRY TO RESCUE RANA!

METEOR HURRIES THRU THE TUNNEL AND COMES OUT IN A CAVEIN TO SEE THE INSECT MONSTER ABOUT TO TOSS RANA INTO A FLEMY PIT SURROUNDED BY GUARD BEES!

RANA!

METEOR! GO BACK BEFORE THEY GET YOU!

SOME OF THE CREATURES RUSH AT METEOR....

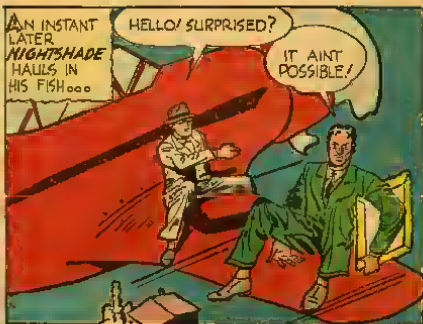
SO YOU WOULD INTERRUPT OUR SACRED RITE CEREMONY, EH? INTO THE PIT WITH YOU!

HOW CAN METEOR MARTIN, PLUNGING TOWARD DEATH IN THE FLAMING PIT, POSSIBLY SAVE RANA? SEE THE AMAZING TURN OF EVENTS IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF STARS & STRIPES



GOT HIM

HEY
LEGGO!



AN INSTANT
LATER
NIGHTSHADE
HAULS IN
HIS FISH...

HELLO! SURPRISED?

IT AINT
POSSIBLE!



CH YES, FRIEND, AS
POSSIBLE AS THIS!



TAKE THE PLANE
BACK, MR. COLLETTI IS
GOING TO CHAT WITH
THE POLICE!



THE PAINTING'S A SECRET
MAP...SHOW COASTAL
DEFENSE OF THE U.S. IT'S
DRAWN IN INDIA INK
UNDER THE PAINTING!



THERE WAS A MIX UP! THE
WRONG GUY GOT THE
PICTURE AND SOLD IT TO
HARDING...! HAD TO GET
IT BACK!



I WAS TAKING IT TO SOUTH
AMERICA, TO
SMUGGLE IT. YOU WONT
TO GERMANY! SMUGGLE
ANYMORE!
YOU'LL BE IN
THE COOLER!

The Blue Lady

by Frollo

ESTATE



SALE

KILLERS THREATEN DEATH TO THE INNOCENT! WEIRD COLORED LIGHTS FLOAT MYSTERIOUSLY OVER THE OLD HARNETT ESTATE! THE BLUE LADY IN POSSESSION OF THE ORIENTAL POWER-GIVING BLUE BIRD RING FINDS HERSELF IN THE AGONIZING CLUTCH OF A TORTURER. CAN THE EXOTIC BLUE LADY TRIUMPH OVER THE MENACING TRIGGER?

LUCILLE MARTIN, A SNAPPY YOUNG WRITER AND LARRY'S FIANCEE, IS IN HIS OFFICE WHEN THE KNIFE WHIZZED THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW.

BOY! THAT WAS CLOSE MUST BE A NEW KIND OF MAIL DELIVERY.

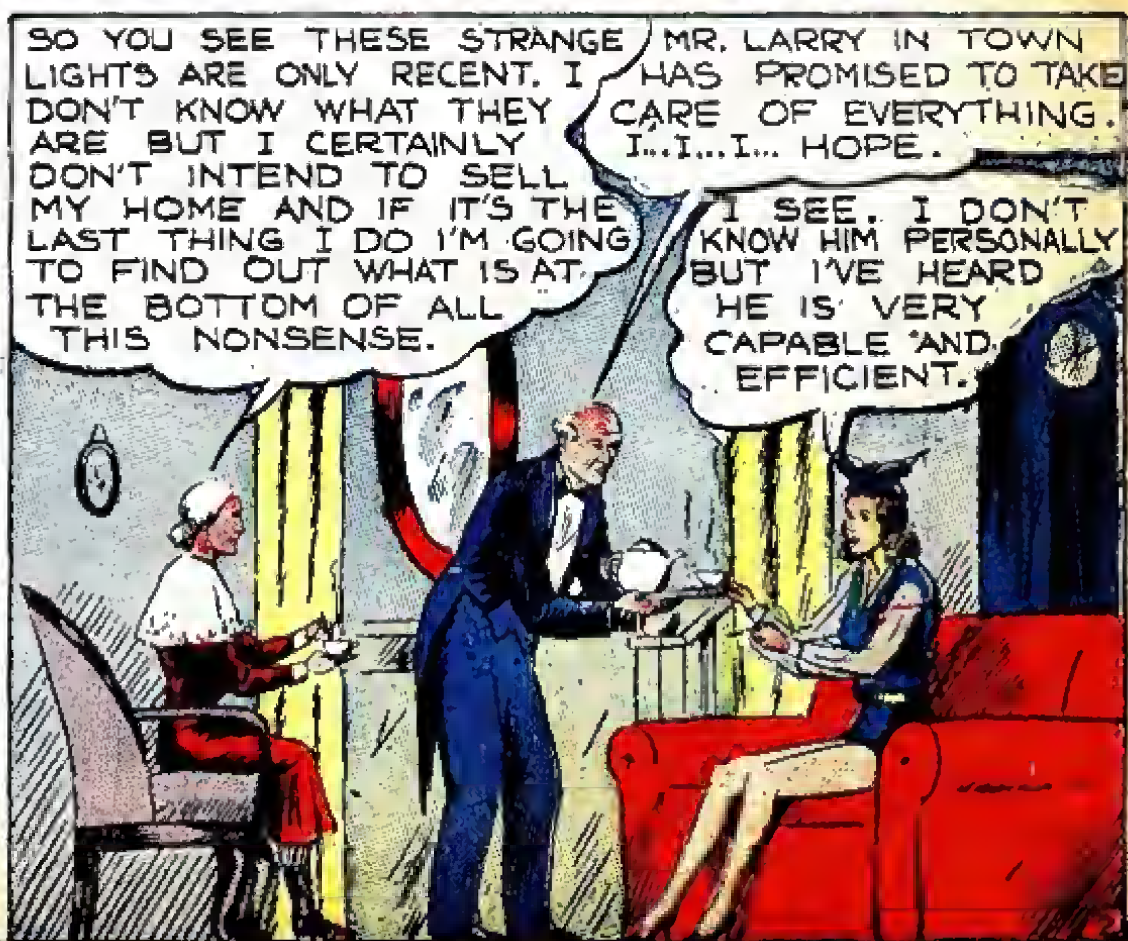
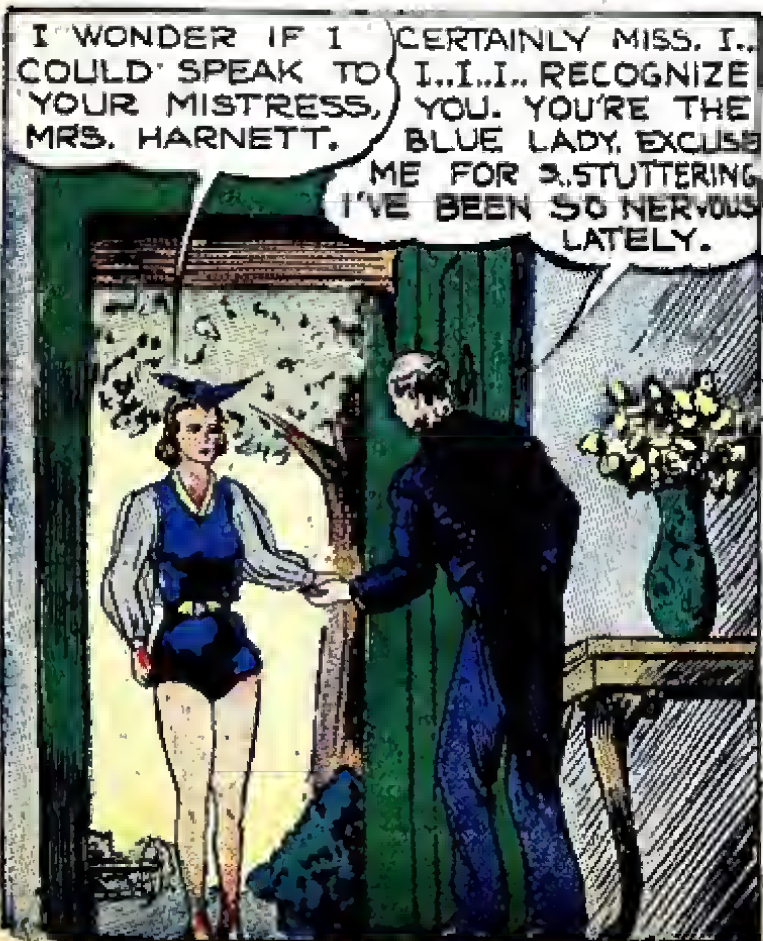
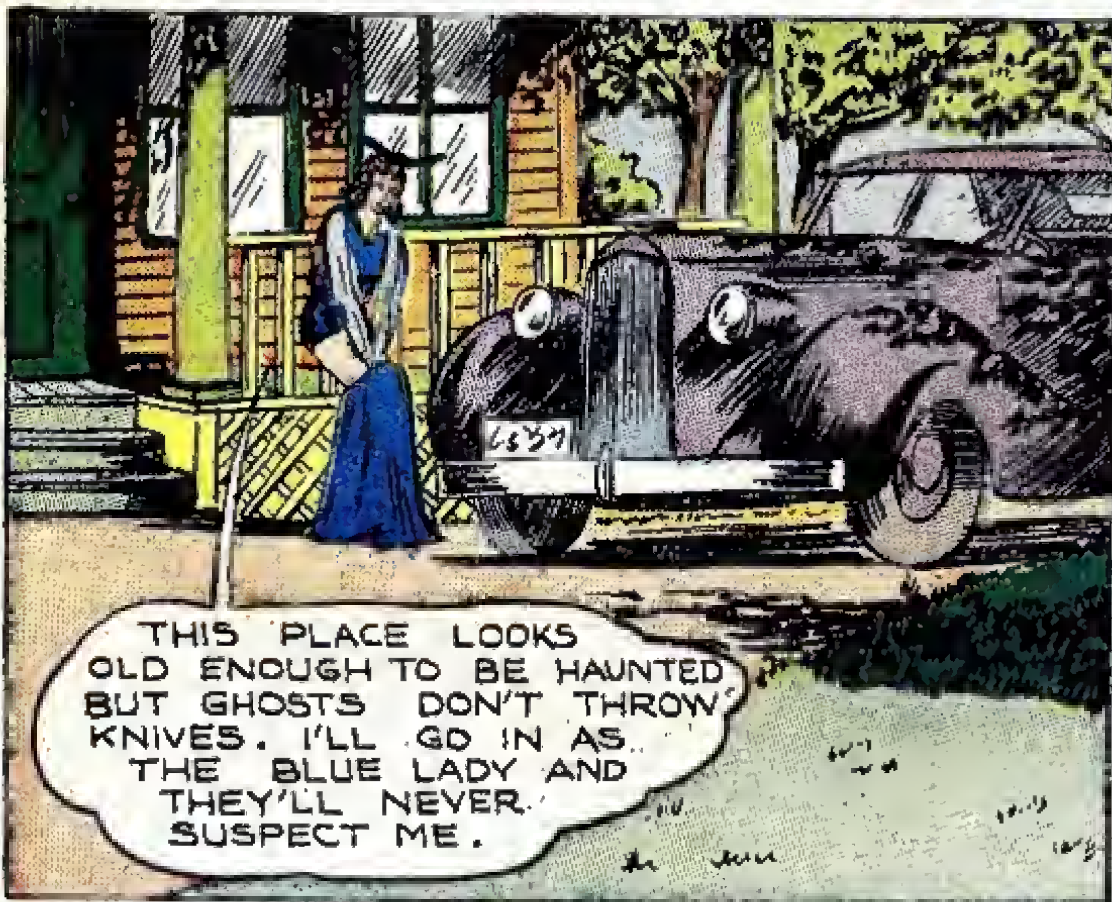
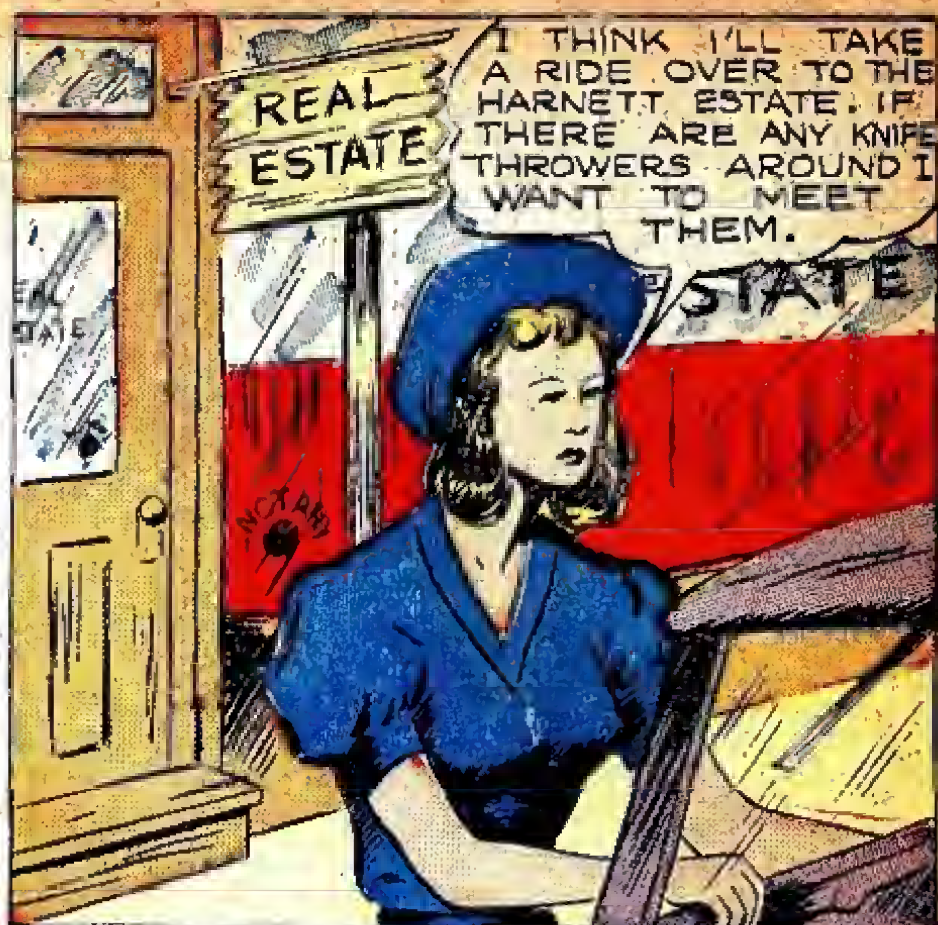
NEVER MIND BEING FUNNY. WHAT DOES THE NOTE SAY AND I'LL BET IT ISN'T FROM A FRIEND.

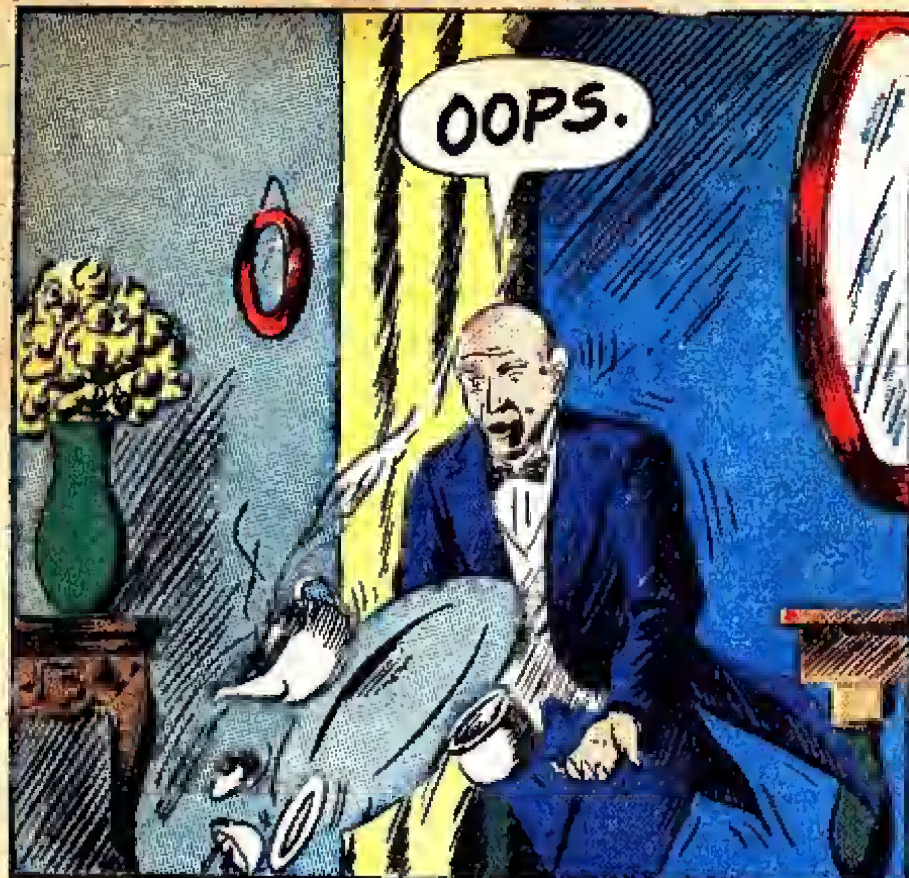


"IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, DON'T TRY TO MANAGE TO SELL THE OLD HARNETT ESTATE."
SIGNED,
"THE TRIGGER."

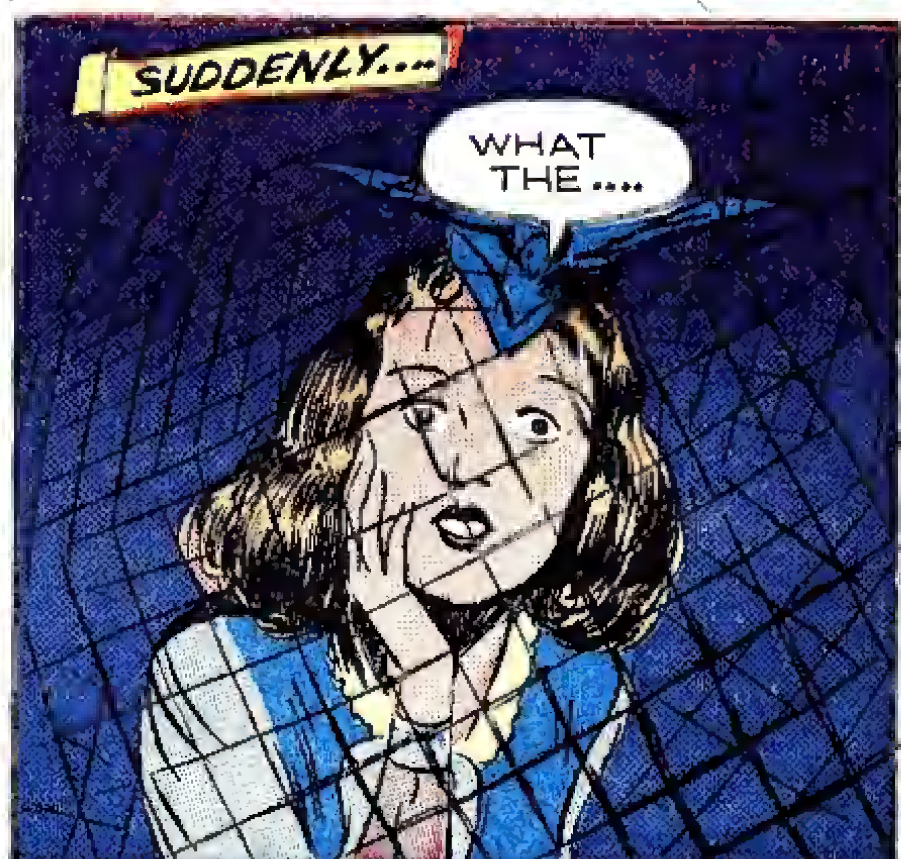
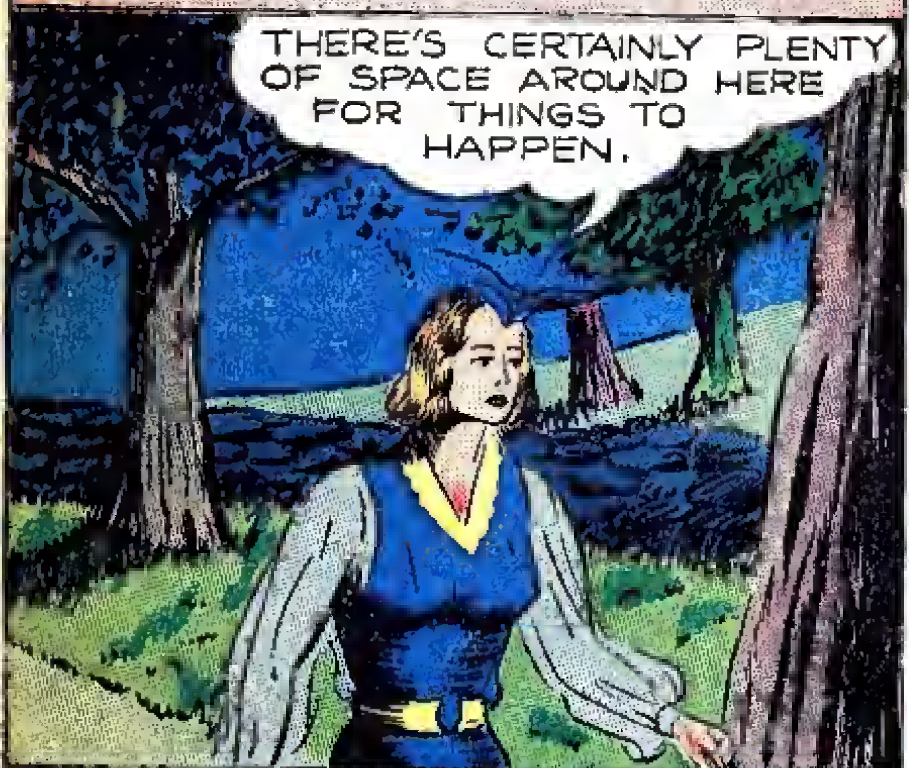
YOU JUST GOT MRS. HARNETT AS A CLIENT AND ALREADY YOU'VE GOT TROUBLE WITH HER PROPERTY.







THE BLUE LADY LEAVES THE HOUSE TO INVESTIGATE THE MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS.





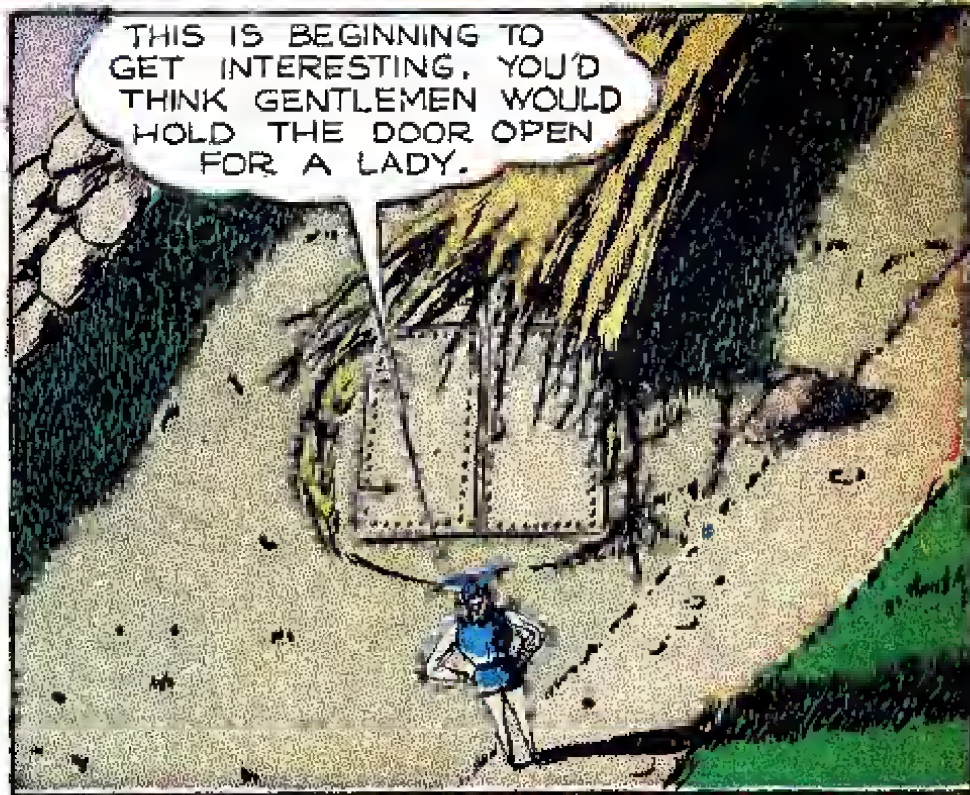
THEY CAN'T SEE ME THROUGH THIS HAZE BUT I CAN FOLLOW THEM. THOSE NUTS ARE TRYING TO CLIMB INTO A TREE LIKE SQUIRRELS.



MAYBE I'M CRAZY BUT I SWEAR I SAW THEM GO INTO THIS TREE.



I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY WENT BUT IF THEY'RE IN THIS TRUNK I'M GOING TO FIND OUT.



THIS IS BEGINNING TO GET INTERESTING. YOU'D THINK GENTLEMEN WOULD HOLD THE DOOR OPEN FOR A LADY.



I'VE GOT NO TIME TO PLAY AROUND WITH LOCKS. THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE A VISITOR WHETHER THEY LIKE IT OR NOT.

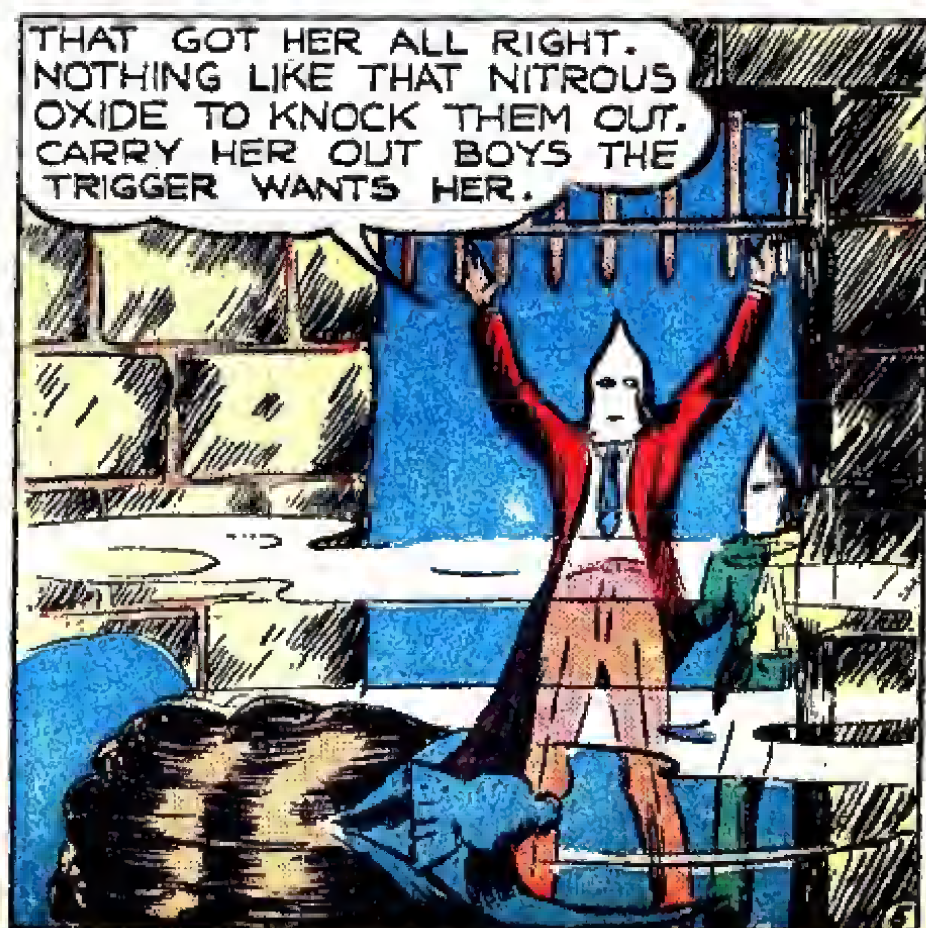
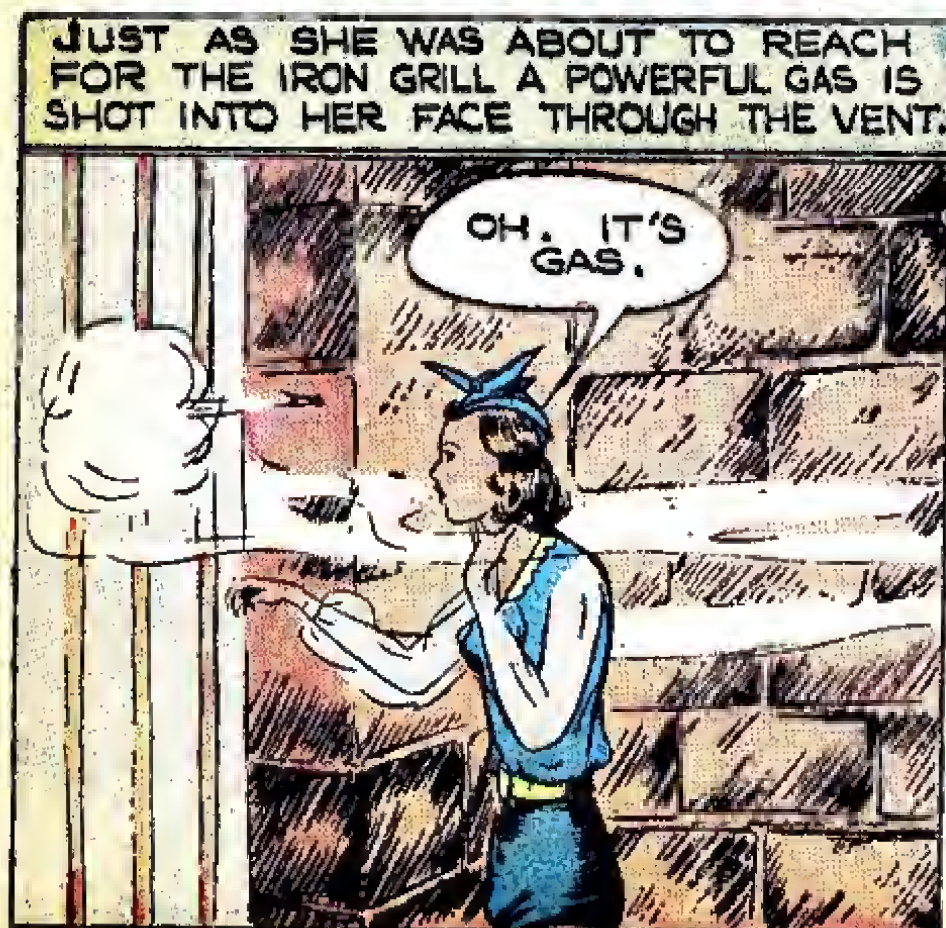
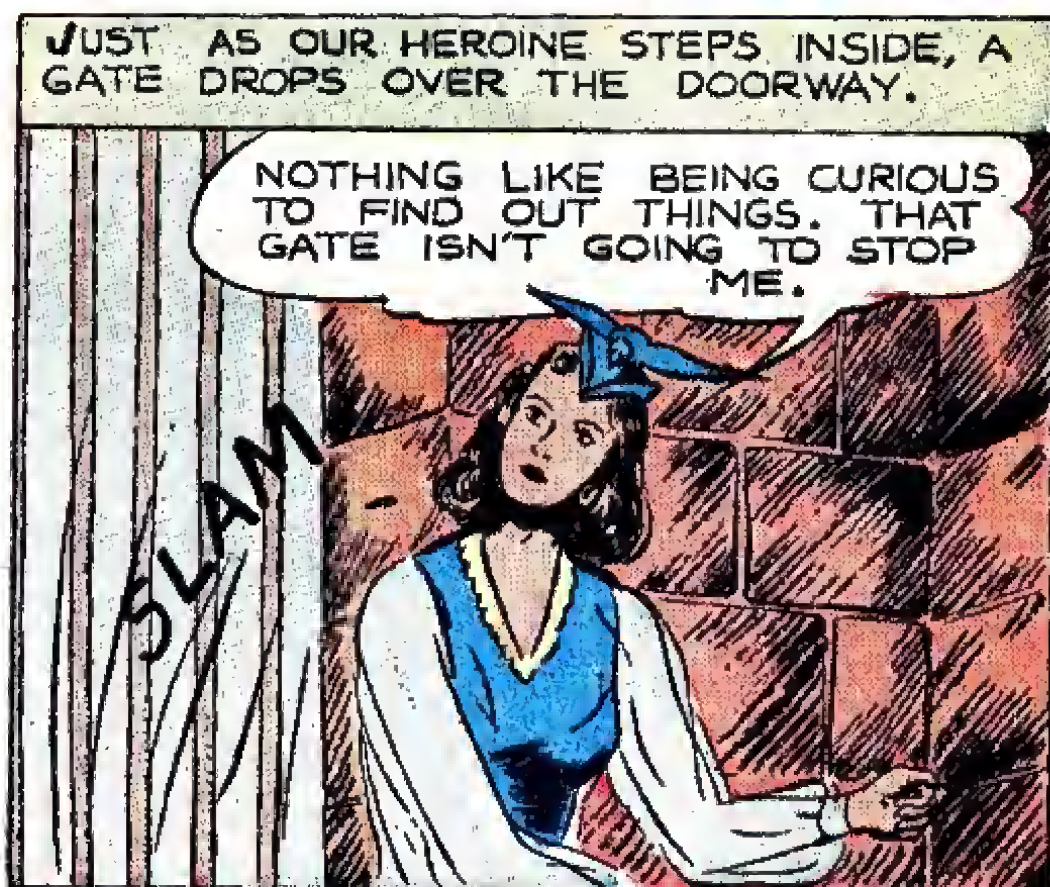


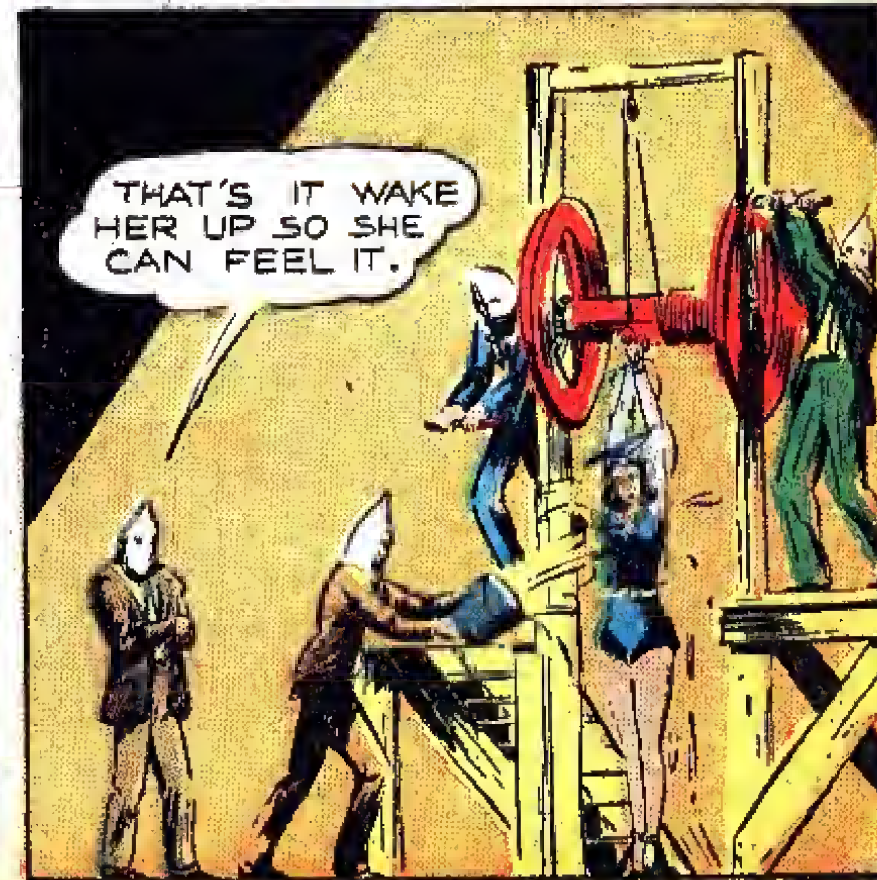
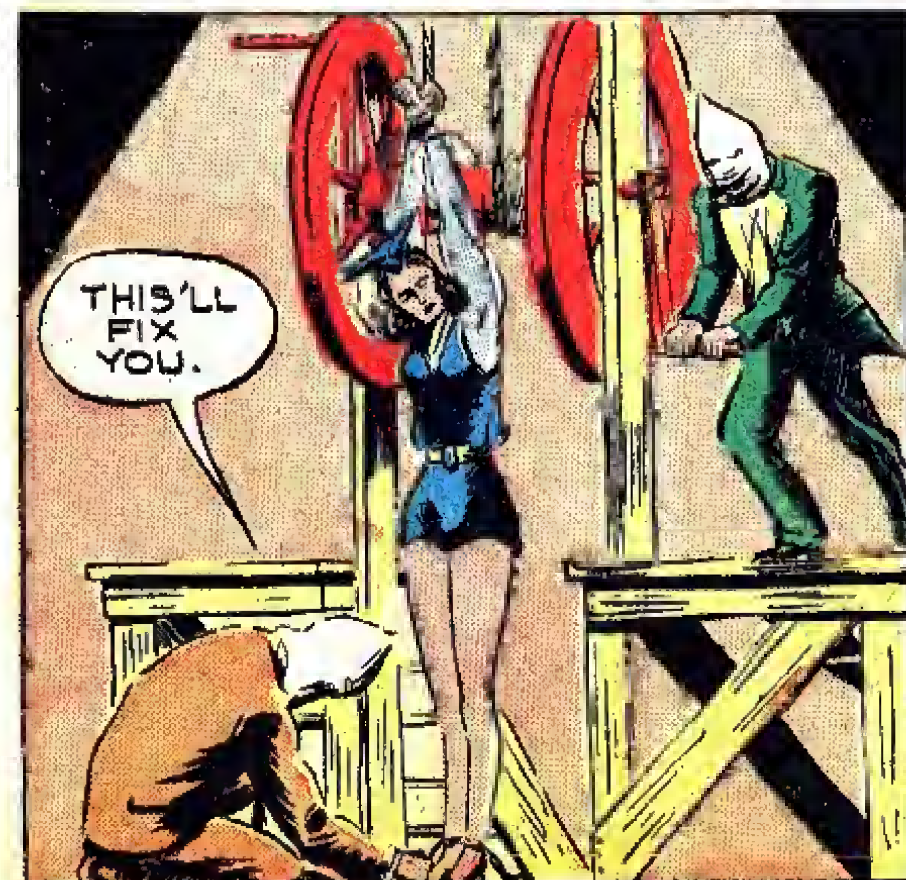
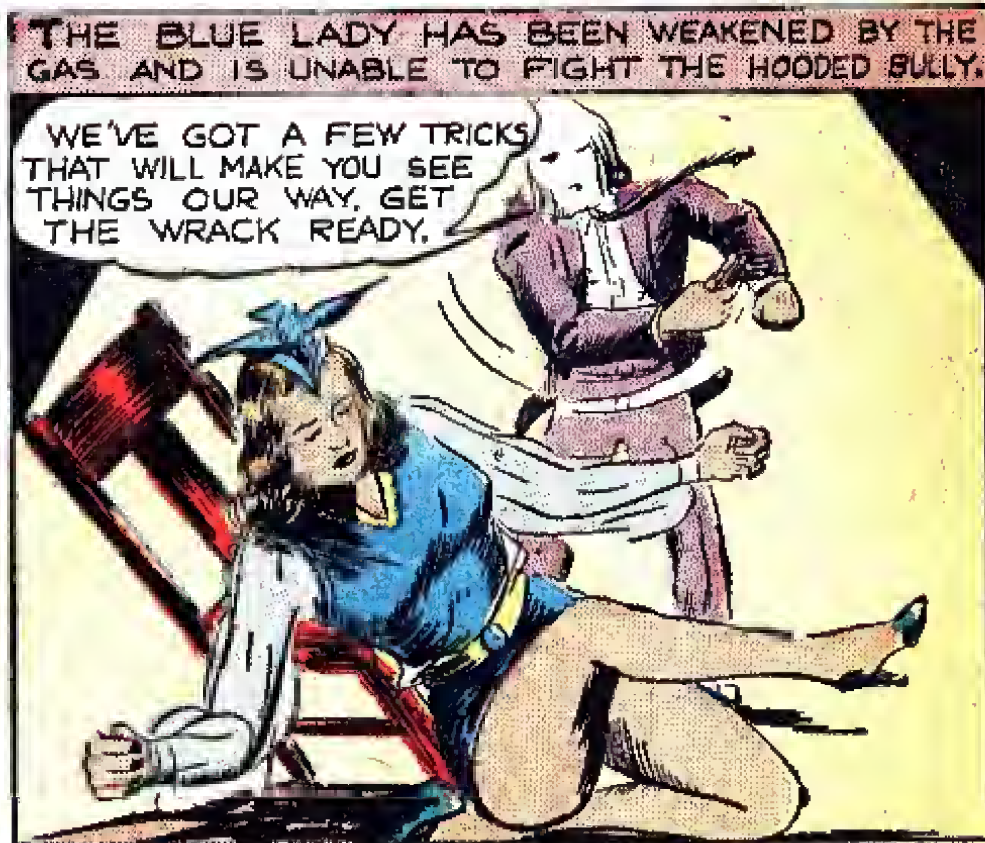
I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS PLACE. IT'S TOO GOOD A PLACE FOR A TRAP.



FROM THE CEILING ABOVE A SINISTER DEVICE DROPS OVER THE DAUNTLESS BLUE LADY'S NECK.

HEY.





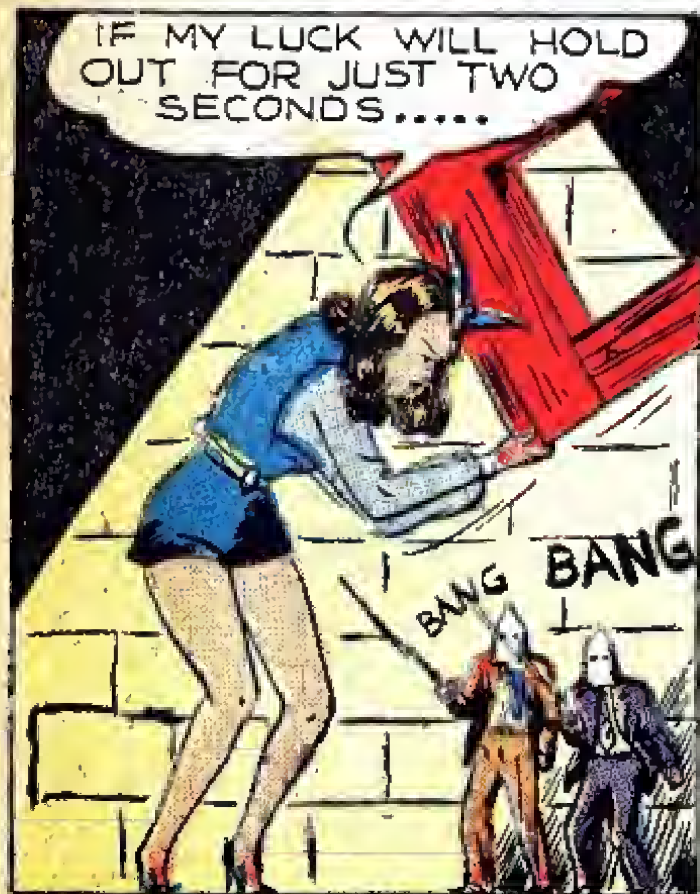
THE COLD WATER REVIVES HER MORE THAN THE TRIGGER EXPECTED.



GET HER BEFORE SHE GETS US.



IF MY LUCK WILL HOLD OUT FOR JUST TWO SECONDS.....



LIKE SWATTING FLIES. ONLY THESE FLIES CAN STING.



NOW TO FIND OUT WHO THIS TRIGGER IS. I NEVER DID LIKE A HOOD. IT REMINDS ME OF A SNAKE.



BACK IN LARRY'S OFFICE THE NEXT DAY.

AND NOT ONLY THAT. THIS TRIGGER WAS A PROFESSOR OF MINING AND HE WAS THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THE RADIUM ORE ON THE HARNETT ESTATE. MRS HARNETT WON'T SELL AND SO HE DECIDED TO FRIGHTEN HER OFF AND WORK THE MINE HIMSELF. IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE BLUE LADY WE ALL WOULD HAVE BEEN DEAD LONG AGO. HE ESCAPED—SOME DAY HE'LL RETURN, LOOKING FOR REVENGE. WHO KNOWS?

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY.



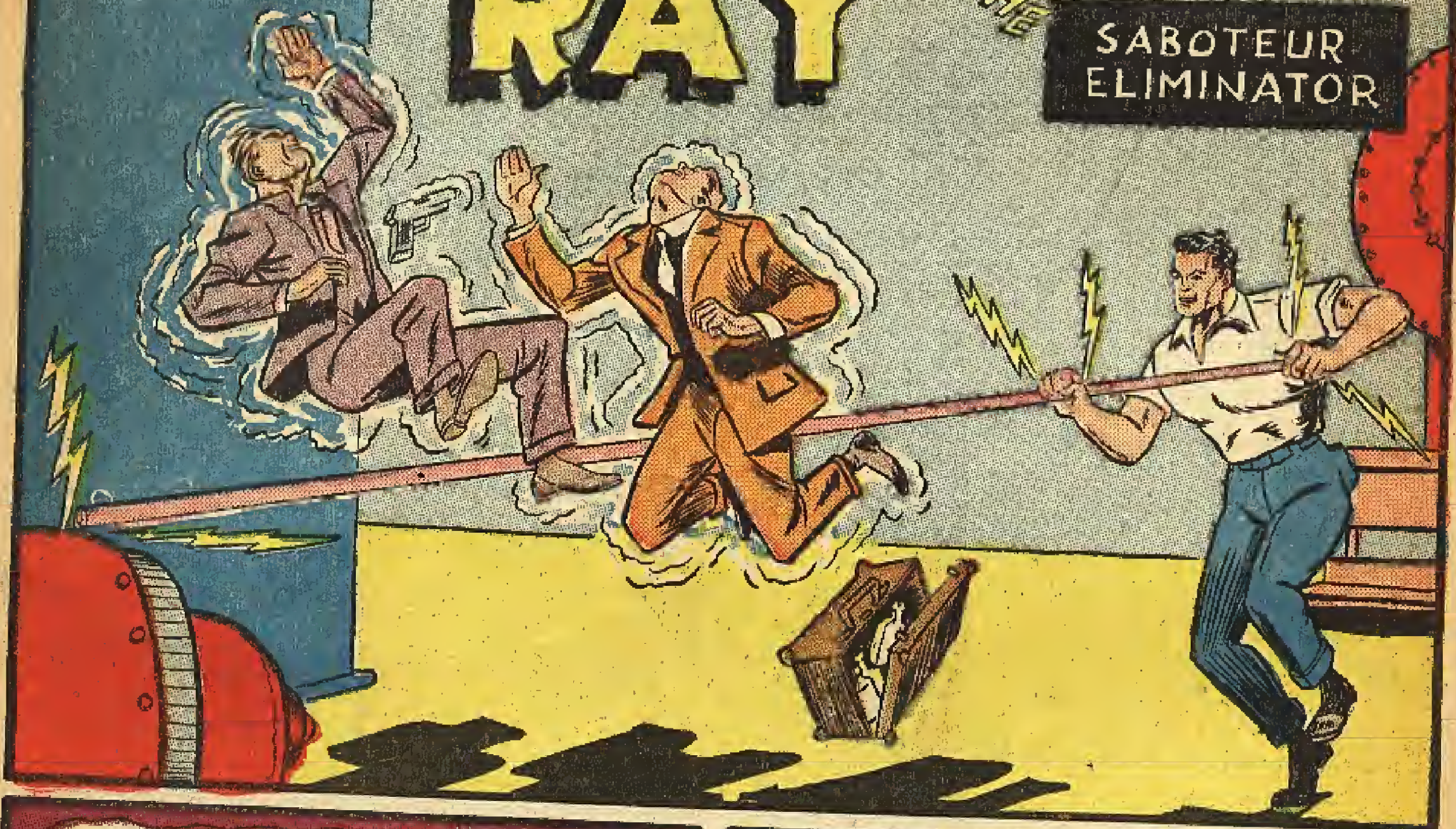
ALL YOU EVER TALK ABOUT IS THE BLUE LADY. HOW ABOUT PAYING SOME ATTENTION TO ME.



ELECTRIC RAY

T. MARTIN
FILLIOLO

THE
SABOTEUR
ELIMINATOR



WELL, RAY - DID YOU HEAR
THE NEWS? ANOTHER ONE
OF OUR FREIGHT TRAINS
WAS WRECKED LAST
NIGHT!

YEP! SABOTAGE!
I'M EXPECTING
THEM TO STRIKE
IN THE SHOPS
SOON!



OH! I DON'T
THINK SO - AFTER
ALL WE'RE NOT
SO IMPORTANT!

YES WE ARE! THE PARTS
WE MAKE ARE PRETTY
VITAL! DOGGONNIT!
I FORGOT MY TOBACCO!

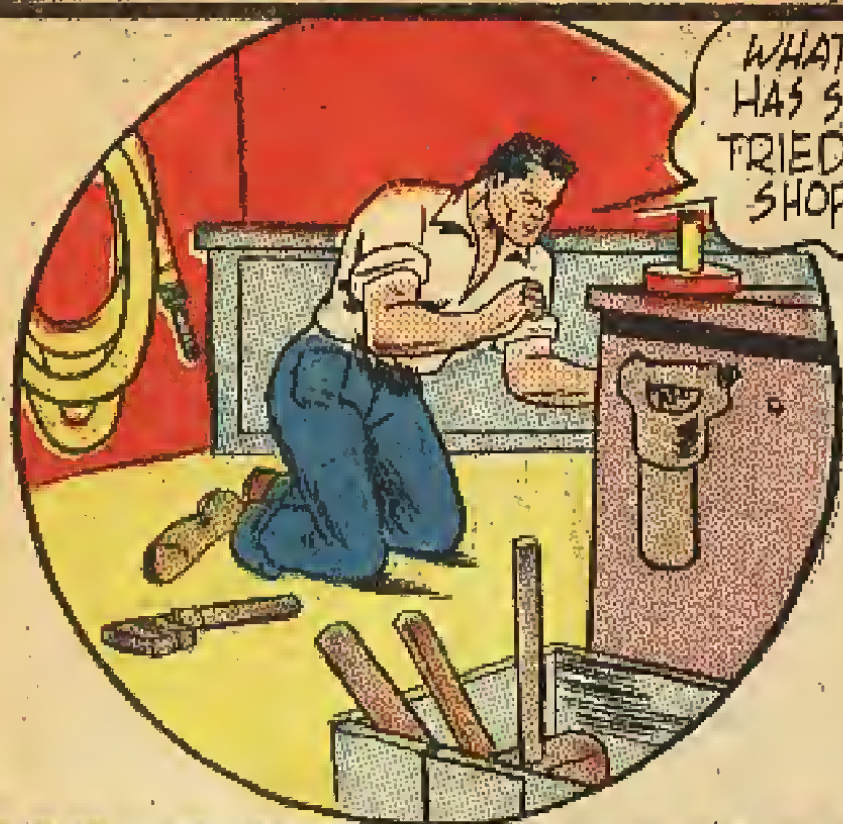


HERE, TAKE THIS
PACK I ALWAYS
CARRY A SPARE!

THANKS, DETE! I'LL
SEE YOU AT LUNCH!



A FEW HOURS LATER, RAY GOES INTO THE TOOLROOM FOR A WRENCH - HERE HE MAKES A STARTLING DISCOVERY!



WHAT'S THIS?
HAS SOMEONE
TRIED TO SET THE
SHOPS ON FIRE?

IT LOOKS LIKE AN
IMPORTANT LETTER!
I'LL TAKE IT HOME IN MY
LUNCH BUCKET - I MIGHT
BE ABLE TO READ IT
UNDER MY MICROSCOPE!



AT LUNCH HE TELLS PETE OF
HIS FIND!

.. AND PETE, IF YOU'RE
NOT BUSY TONIGHT
COME OVER - I MIGHT
NEED YOUR HELP!

SURE



OH, RAY, WHY CAN'T
I COME OVER NOW - I
PROMISED TO TAKE MY
NEW GIRL FRIEND TO
THE MOVIES TONIGHT!
HERE'S YOUR BUCKET!

SWELL! I'M
ANXIOUS TO SEE
IT'S CONTENTS
- OF COURSE IT
MIGHT NOT BE
ANYTHING AT
ALL!



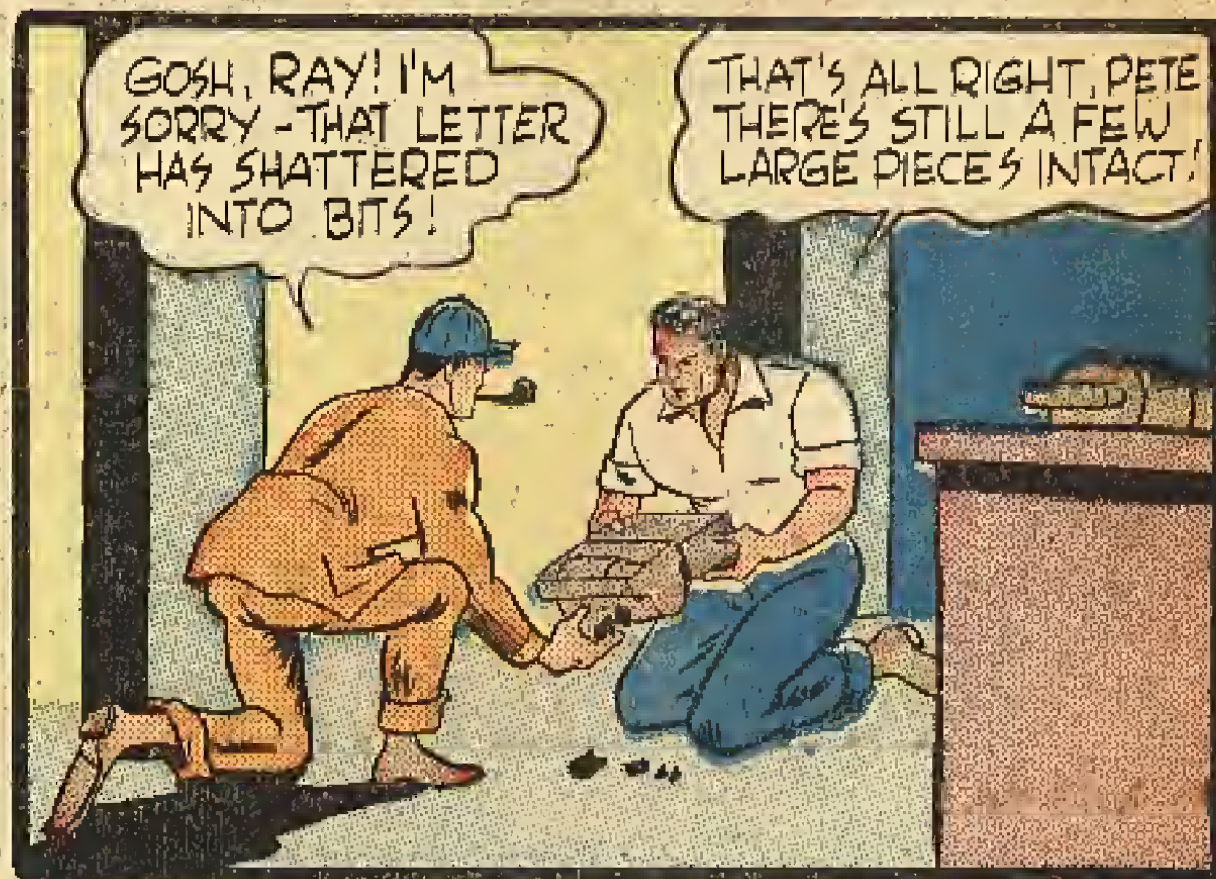
RAY REACHES FOR HIS BUCKET
BUT BEFORE HIS FINGERS CAN
CLOSE AROUND THE HANDLE
PETE LETS IT GO!



THE LUNCH BUCKET FALLS
TO THE HARD FLOOR WITH
A LOUD CRASH!

GOSH, RAY! I'M
SORRY - THAT LETTER
HAS SHATTERED
INTO BITS!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, PETE
THERE'S STILL A FEW
LARGE PIECES INTACT!

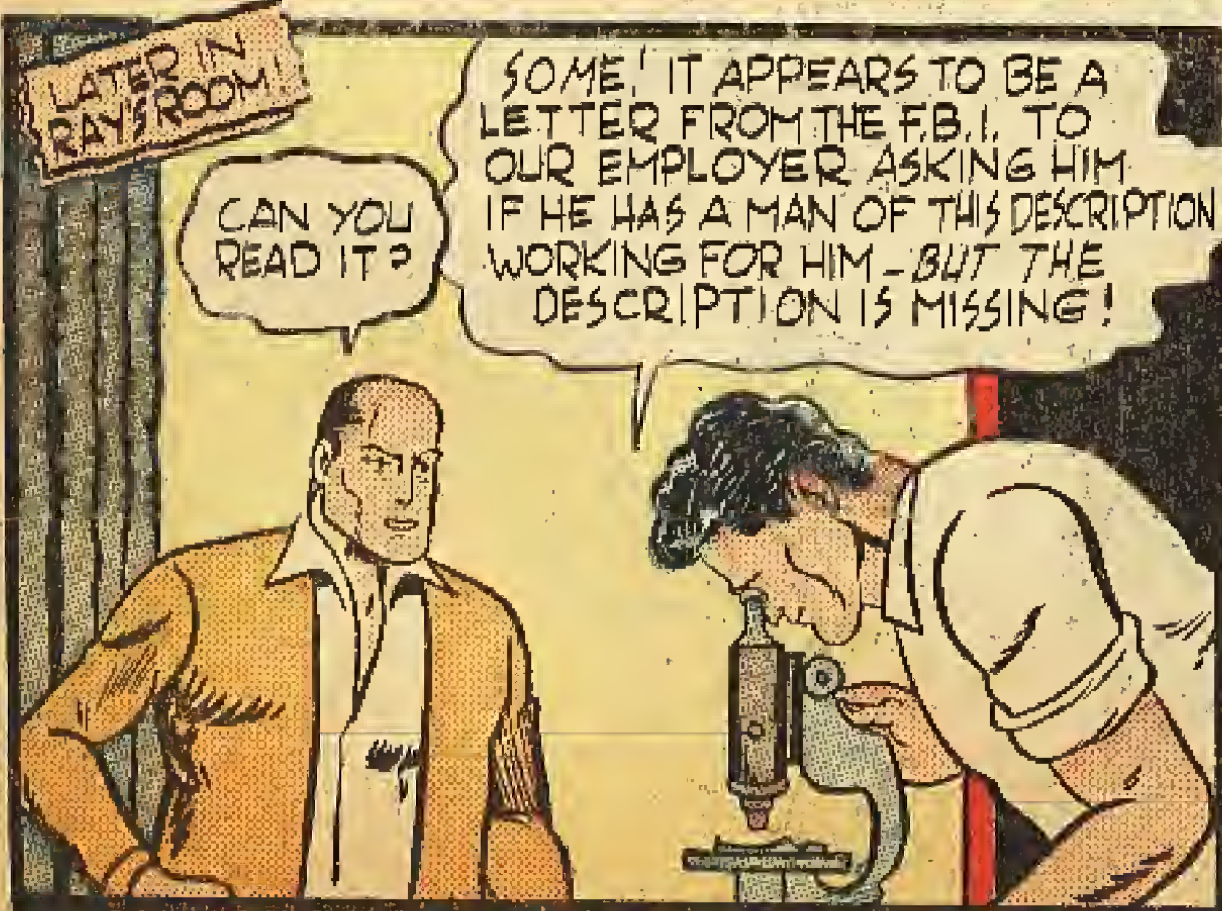


'QUITTING TIME' WE FIND PETE WAITING FOR RAY
NEAR RAY'S LOCKER!

LATER IN
RAY'S ROOM!

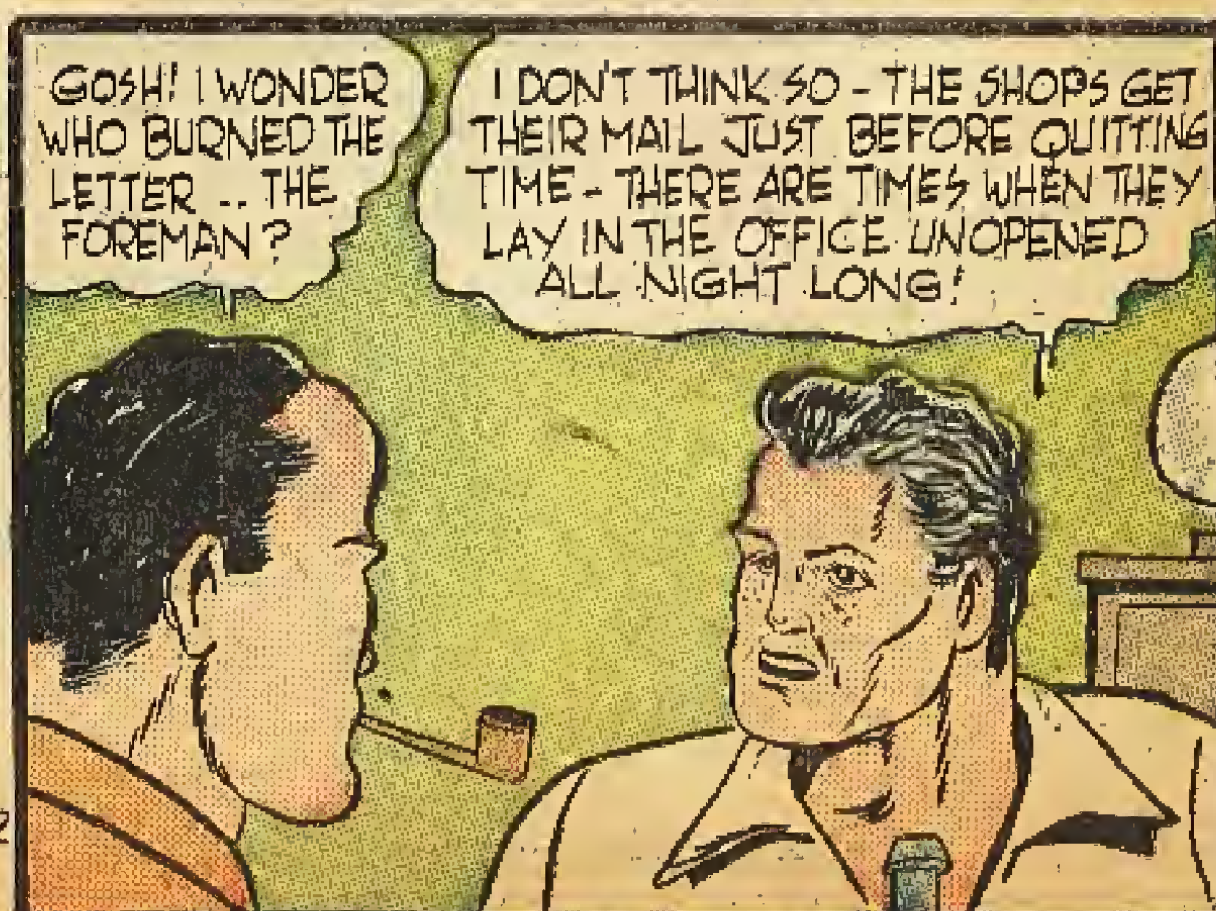
CAN YOU
READ IT?

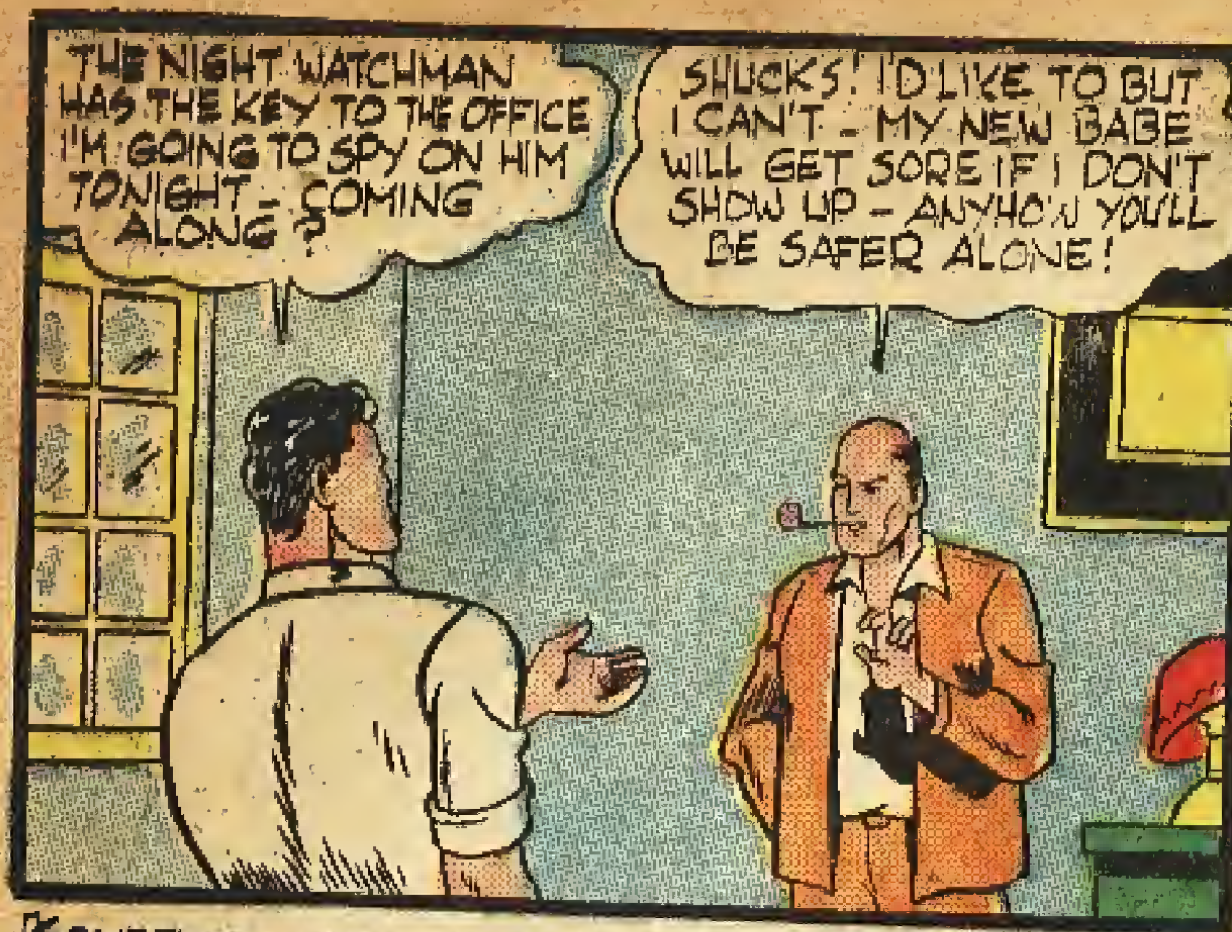
SOME! IT APPEARS TO BE A
LETTER FROM THE F.B.I. TO
OUR EMPLOYER ASKING HIM
IF HE HAS A MAN OF THIS DESCRIPTION
WORKING FOR HIM - BUT THE
DESCRIPTION IS MISSING!



GOSH! I WONDER
WHO BURNED THE
LETTER .. THE
FOREMAN?

I DON'T THINK SO - THE SHOPS GET
THEIR MAIL JUST BEFORE QUITTING
TIME - THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THEY
LAY IN THE OFFICE UNOPENED
ALL NIGHT LONG!

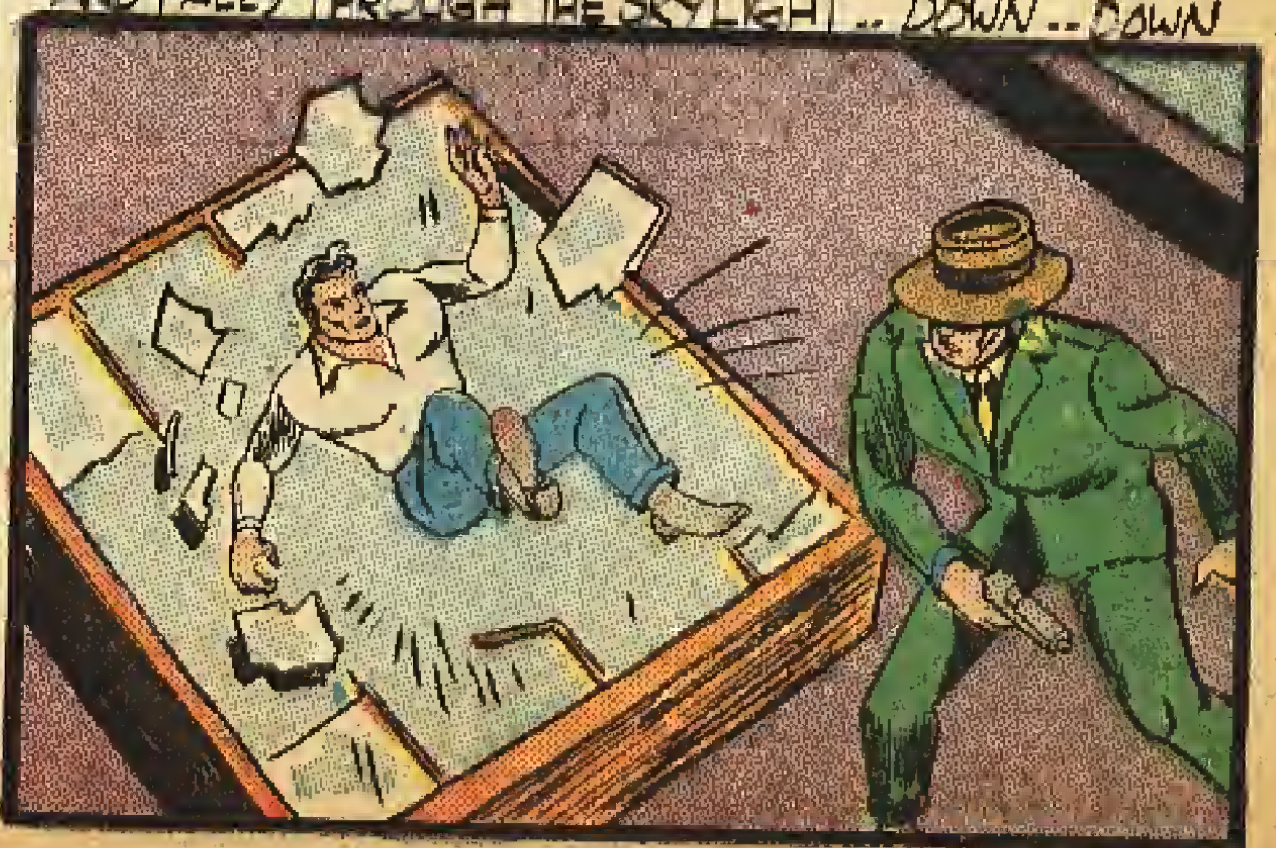




SOMETIME LATER WE FIND RAY AT THE RAILROAD SHOP!



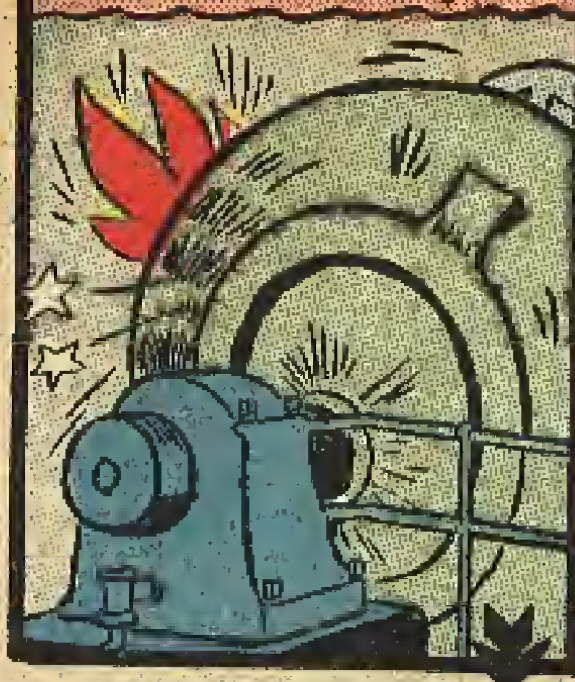
BUT THE MYSTERIOUS ASSAILANT HAS A FRIEND!



DOWN INTO A HIGH POWERED
ELETRIC TRANSMITTER'



SPARKS AND FLAME DART
OUT AS RAY'S UNCONSCIOUS
FORM STRIKES THE HUGE
WHIRLING DYNAMO'



SUDDENLY HE IS THROWN FREE



A MOMENT LATER HE BECOMES CONSCIOUS - FOR SOME UNKNOWN
REASON HE HAD MIRACULOUSLY ESCAPED BEING ELECTROCUTED



GRASPING THE TOP OF THE WORKBENCH FOR SUPPORT HIS
HAND TOUCHES A LIGHT BULB - THE RESULT IS AMAZING!



THE HARDER I SQUEEZE
THE BRIGHTER IT GETS.
I WONDER WHAT WOULD
HAPPEN IF I USED
BOTH HANDS?



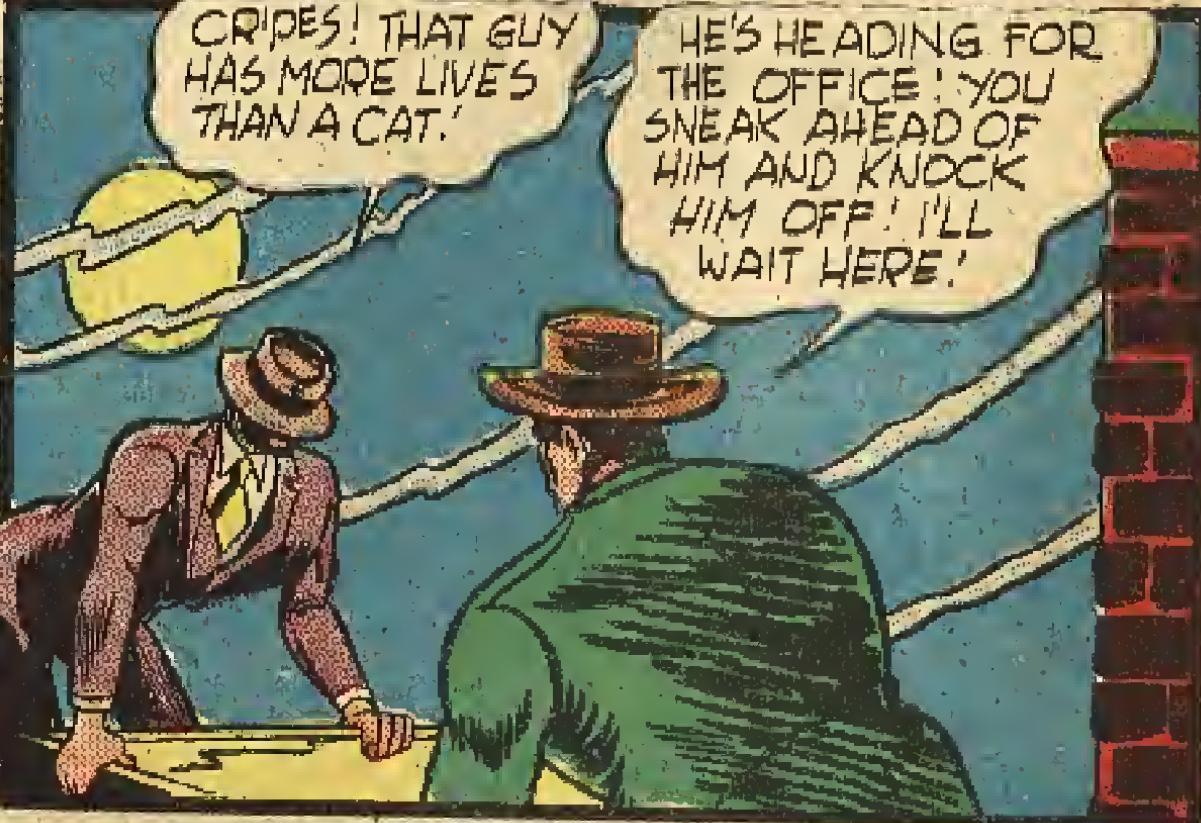
IT BURNED OUT!
TOO MUCH POWER!
I'M CHARGED WITH
ELECTRICITY LIKE
A BOLT OF
LIGHTNING!



MEANWHILE THE TWO WOULD-BE KILLERS LOOK ON!

CRIPES! THAT GUY
HAS MORE LIVES
THAN A CAT!

HE'S HEADING FOR
THE OFFICE! YOU
SNEAK AHEAD OF
HIM AND KNOCK
HIM OFF! I'LL
WAIT HERE!



HE'S GOT TO GO
PAST PAST OLD 48.
I'LL NAIL HIM
THERE!



TAKE
THIS!

48

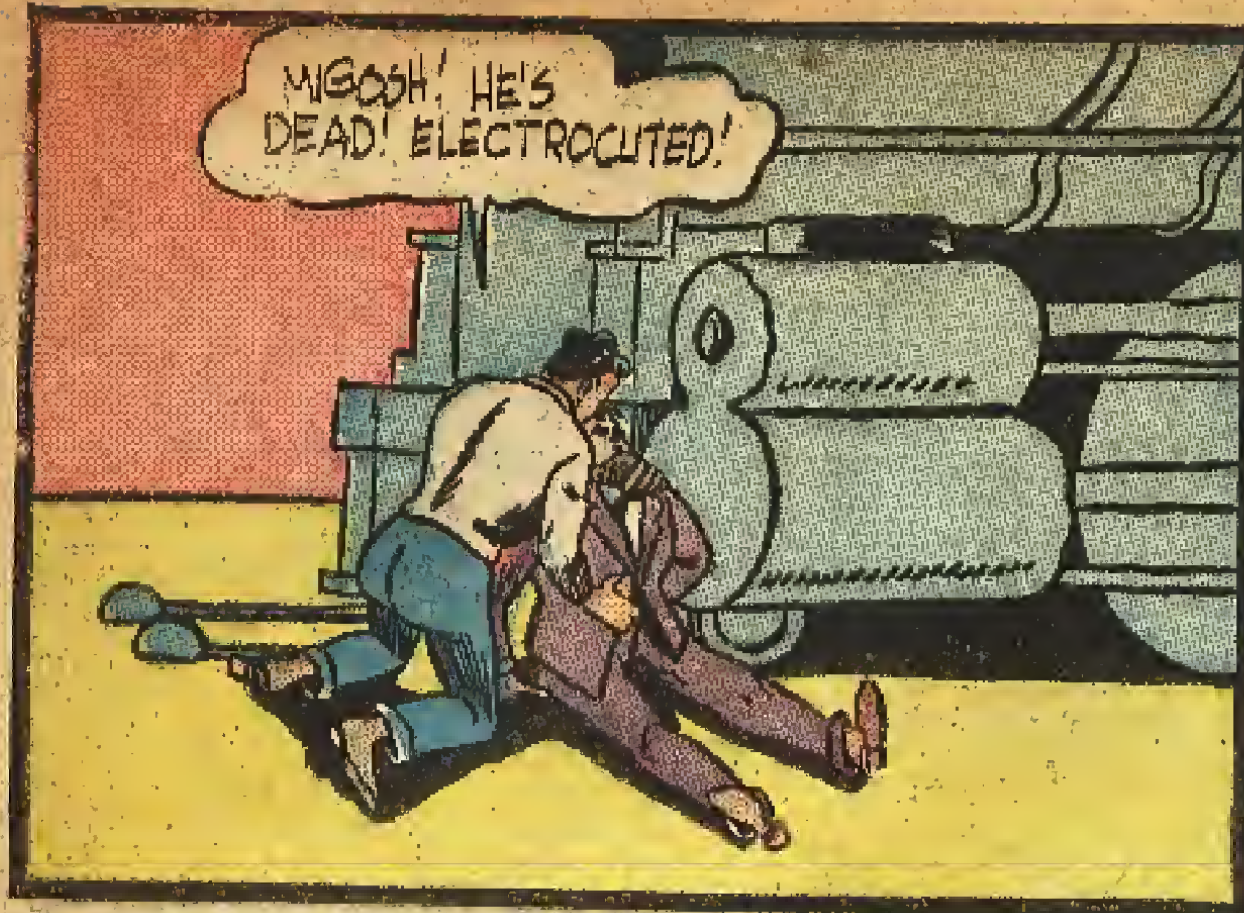


THE KILLER LEAPS FOR THE KILL

WHAT?



BUT GETS THE SHOCK OF HIS LIFE INSTEAD!



MIGOSH! HE'S DEAD! ELECTROCUTED!

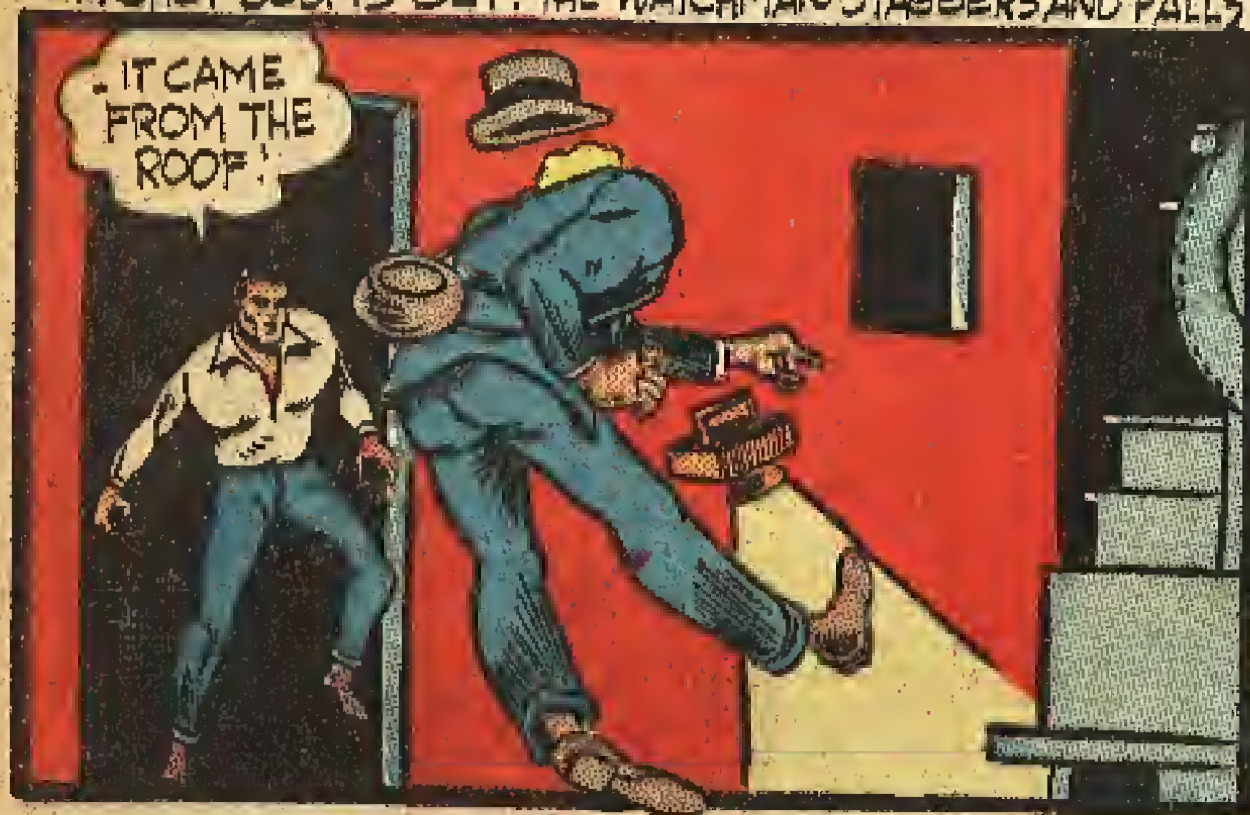
THE WATCHMAN TURNS AND STARTS WALKING TOWARDS RAY - A SHOT BOOMS OUT! THE WATCHMAN STAGGERS AND FALLS



THEY'RE TRYING TO PREVENT ME FROM SEEING THE WATCHMAN!



THERE HE IS! HEY WATCHMAN!



IT CAME FROM THE ROOF!



THAT SHOT SERVED TWO PURPOSES - IT'LL KEEP THE WATCHMAN FROM TALKING AND ALSO BRING THE OTHER MEN ON THE RUN!



I'LL GO DOWN AND MEET 'EM!



I'M GLAD YOU BOYS DIDN'T TURN AND RUN THE OTHER WAY! I NEED HELP!



WHAT'S WRONG? WHERE'S SMITTY?



PLENTY! ONE GUY ON OUR TAIL AND WE CAN'T ELIMINATE HIM - YOU MEN SCATTER AND HIDE - I'LL SNEAK BACK AND THROW THE LIGHT SWITCH - IF YOU SEE A LIGHT SHOOT TO KILL - BECAUSE THAT'LL BE HIM! BE CAREFUL THO. HE'S ALREADY BUMPED OFF POOR SMITTY!

UNKNOWN TO THE SABOTEURS RAY HAS OVERHEARD THEIR CONVERSATION!

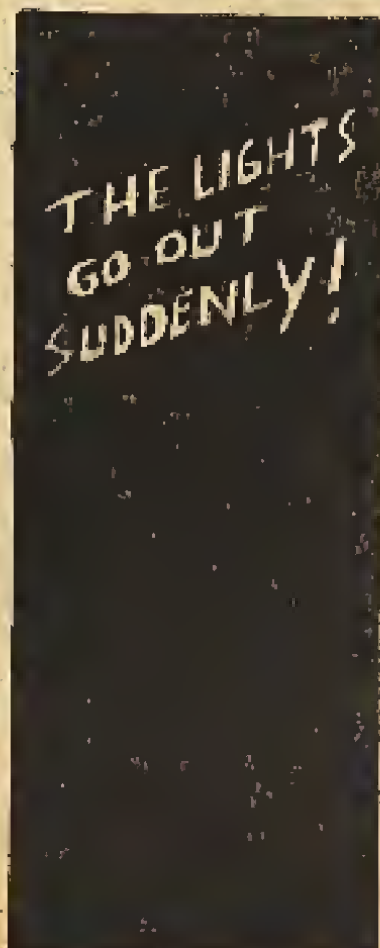
RAY SEES ONE OF THE MEN HIDE BEHIND A LOCKER AN EXTENSION LIGHT LAYS ALONG SIDE OF IT. THE PLUG END IS WITHIN RAY'S REACH!



HIDE AN' SEEK - AND I'M IT!



THIS'LL BE GOOD IF IT WORKS!



THE LIGHTS GO OUT SUDDENLY!



RAY GRABS THE PLUG END OF THE EXTENSION LIGHT IN HIS HAND - HE GIVES IT A SQUEEZE - THE LIGHT BEHIND THE LOCKER FLICKERS!

BEFORE THE SURPRISED MAN CAN CRY OUT HE IS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS!



THINKING HIS MEN HAD ELIMINATED THEIR FOE THE MAN IN THE SWITCH ROOM TURNS ON THE LIGHTS!



PETE! I HAD AN IDEA YOU WERE BEHIND THIS!

RAY! HOW DID YOU KNOW?



THAT TOBACCO POUCH YOU GAVE ME THIS MORNING HAD EMERY POWDER IN IT - YOU PLANNED TO WRECK OUR MACHINES WITH IT! YOU ALSO TRIED HARD TO DESTROY THAT LETTER AND ANOTHER THING - I'VE KNOWN YOU FOR SIX MONTHS - YET TONIGHT WAS THE FIRST TIME YOU MENTIONED A LADY FRIEND - KINDA UNUSUAL, EH?

YUP! BUT DID YOU KNOW THAT THE WATCHMAN WAS MY STEP-DAD AND THAT THIS INFORMATION WONT DO YOU ANY GOOD - LOOK BEHIND YOU!



RAY TURNS AND SEES THE REMAINING THREE MEN BEHIND HIM - WITH DRAWN GUNS READY FOR ACTION



GLANCING AROUND RAY NOTICES THAT TWO OF THE MEN HAVE THEIR FEET ON A RAIL - HIS OWN IS BUT INCHES AWAY!

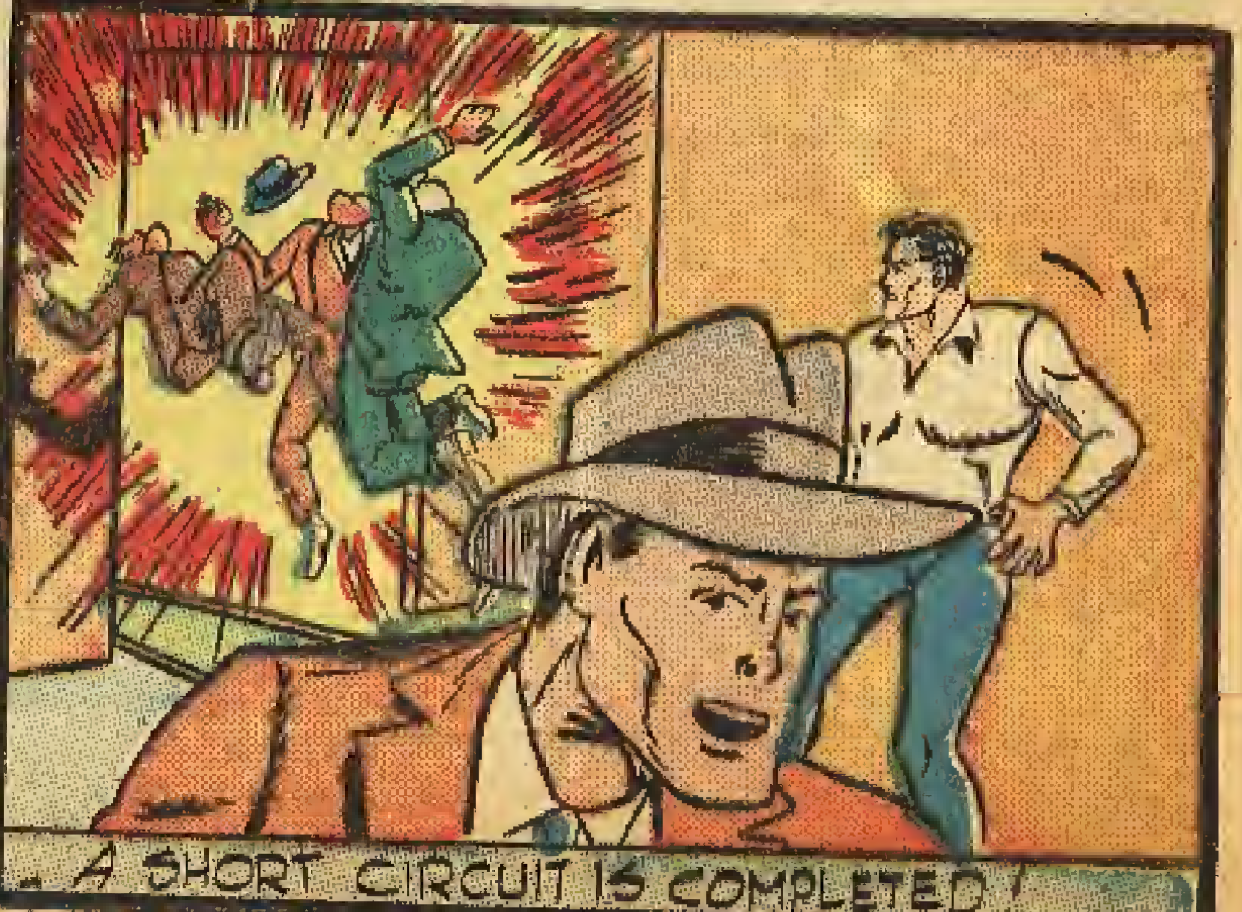


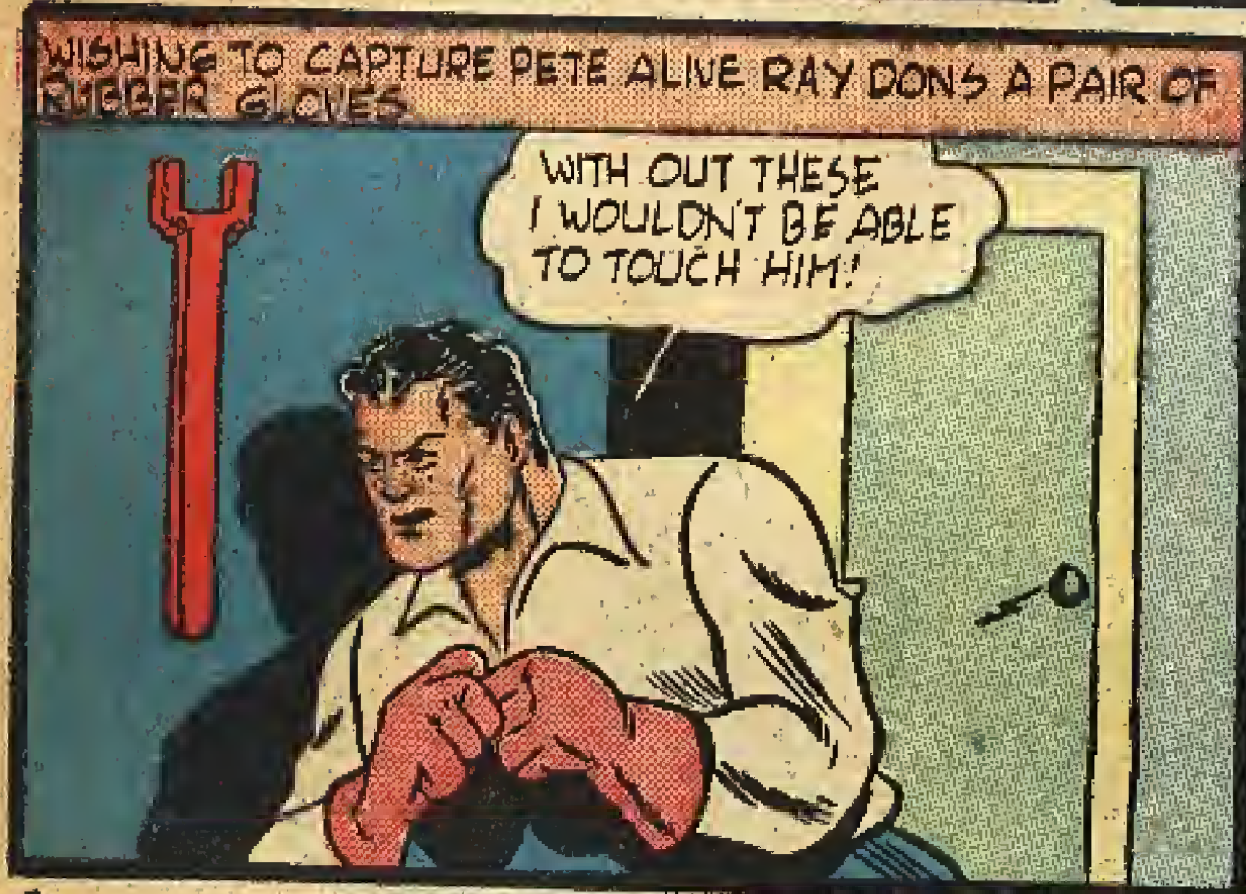
SLOWLY HE SLIDES HIS FOOT TOWARDS IT... HE TOUCHES IT!

THE RESULTS ARE ASTOUNDING

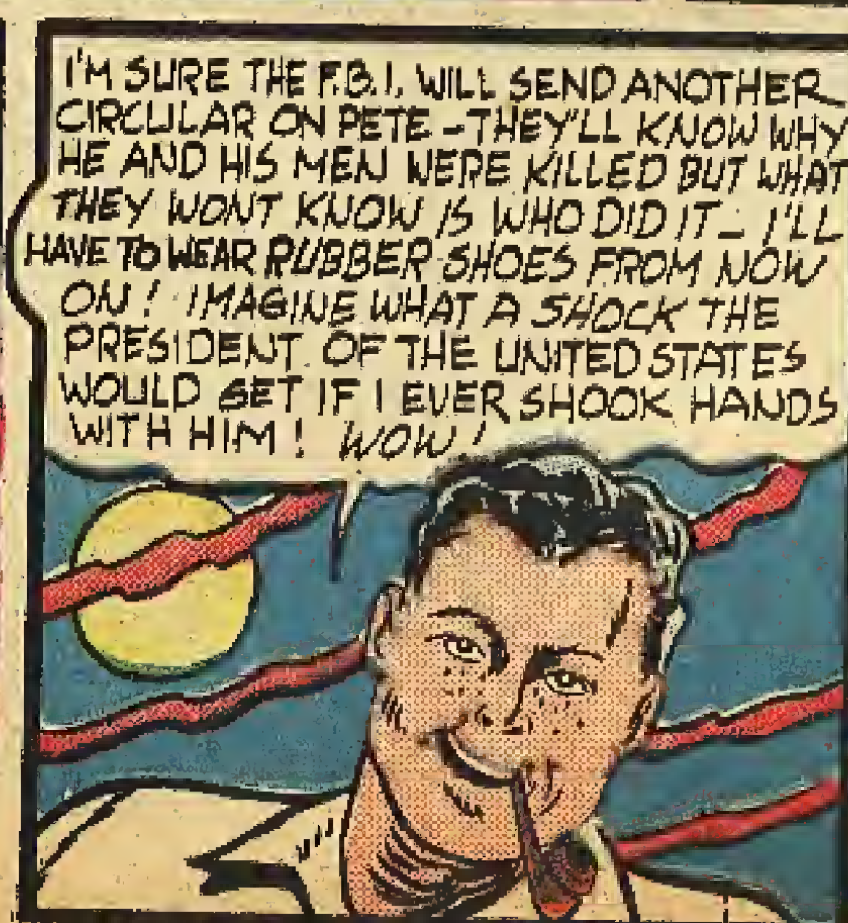
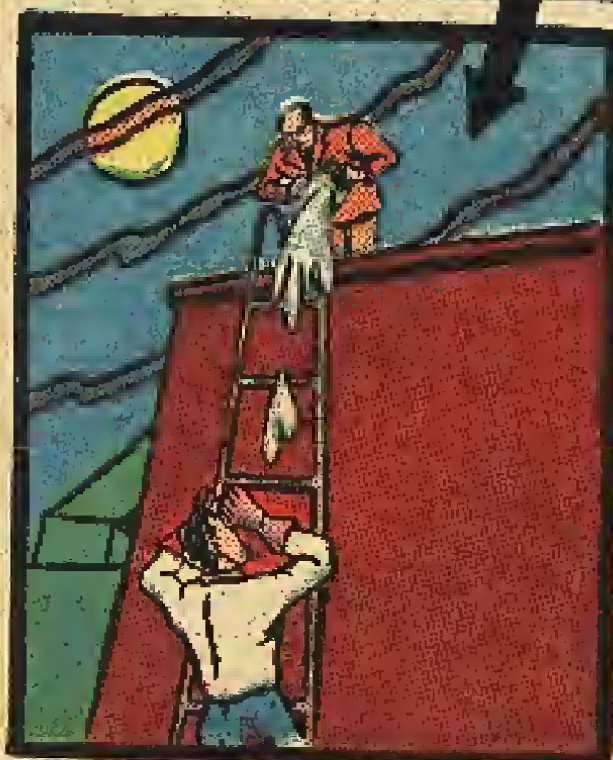
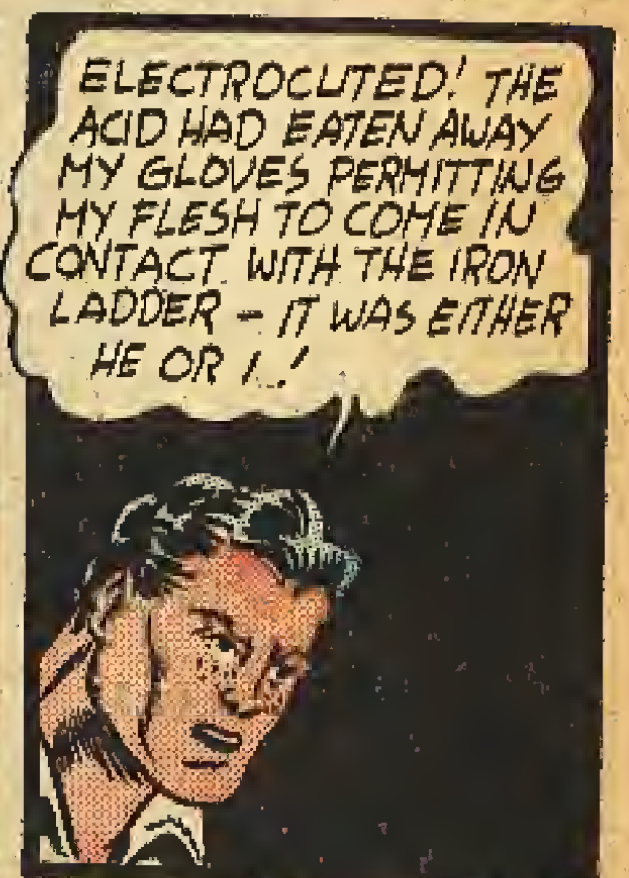


IN THE EXCITEMENT THE FREE MAN GRABS ONE OF THEIR HANDS





RAY FOLLOWS HIM UP THE IRON LADDER!



THE KING OF DARKNESS

by
HARRY RANCUS
CAMPBELL

BRUCE KING, YOUNG RADIO ENGINEER, AND ELECTRICAL WIZARD, WHILE WORKING WITH THE UNKNOWN WAVE-LENGTHS FROM ONE HUNDRED BILLION TO ONE TRILLION VIBRATIONS PER SECOND, DISCOVERED A WAVE LENGTH THAT NEUTRALIZES LIGHT, AND ANOTHER THAT NEUTRALIZES HEAT, GIVING HIM CONTROL OF BOTH COLD AND DARKNESS, TO WHICH HE IS IMMUNIZED BY AN INSULATING SUIT AND SPECIAL GOGGLES. NOW HE IS WORKING IN THAT OTHER UNKNOWN WAVE BAND NEXT TO X-RAYS, FROM 2×10^{16} TO 6×10^{17} . THIS HE BELIEVES, CONTROLS GRAVITY.

POLICE SERGT. BURKE IS THE ONLY MAN SURE KING IS THAT FOE OF LAWLESSNESS, THE KING OF DARKNESS.

SERGT. BURKE VISITS KING'S LAB.

HI-YA, KING! A STOOL PIGEON REPORTS THE RED GANG HAVE GOGGLES THAT CAN SEE INTO **YOUR- I MEAN, -KING OF DARKNESS, BLACK OUT!**

HUH, OH-ER- THANKS, BURKE!

KING, YOU **ACT** LIKE THERE'S **SOMETHING** ON YOUR MIND!

THERE **IS!**

CAN'T YOU GET IT OFF **LONG ENOUGH** TO HELP ME FIND GLORIA GLAMOUR?

THAT KID- NAPPING SMELLS OF **PRESS-AGENT!** NO!

BESIDE THAT, I HAVE TO GET BACK ON MY ANTI-GRAVITY WAVE!

HOPE YOU CHANGE YOUR MIND!

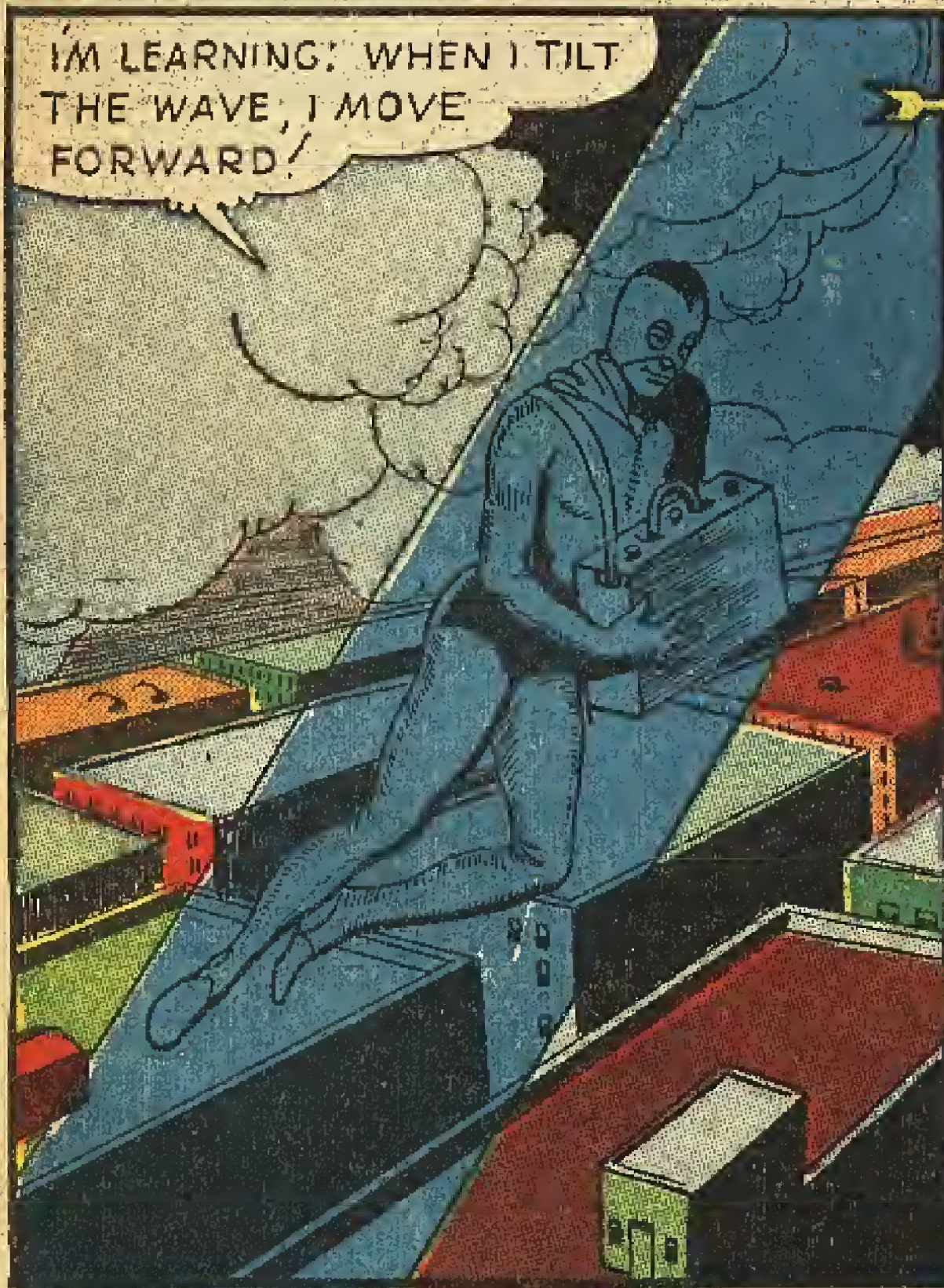
AND, BY THE NEXT NIGHT — —

I'LL PUT ON MY INSULATION SUIT AND GOGGLES, AND TRY OUT MY NEW **ANTI-GRAVITY WAVE**.



TEN MINUTES LATER, OVER THE CITY.

I'M LEARNING: WHEN I TILT THE WAVE, I MOVE FORWARD!

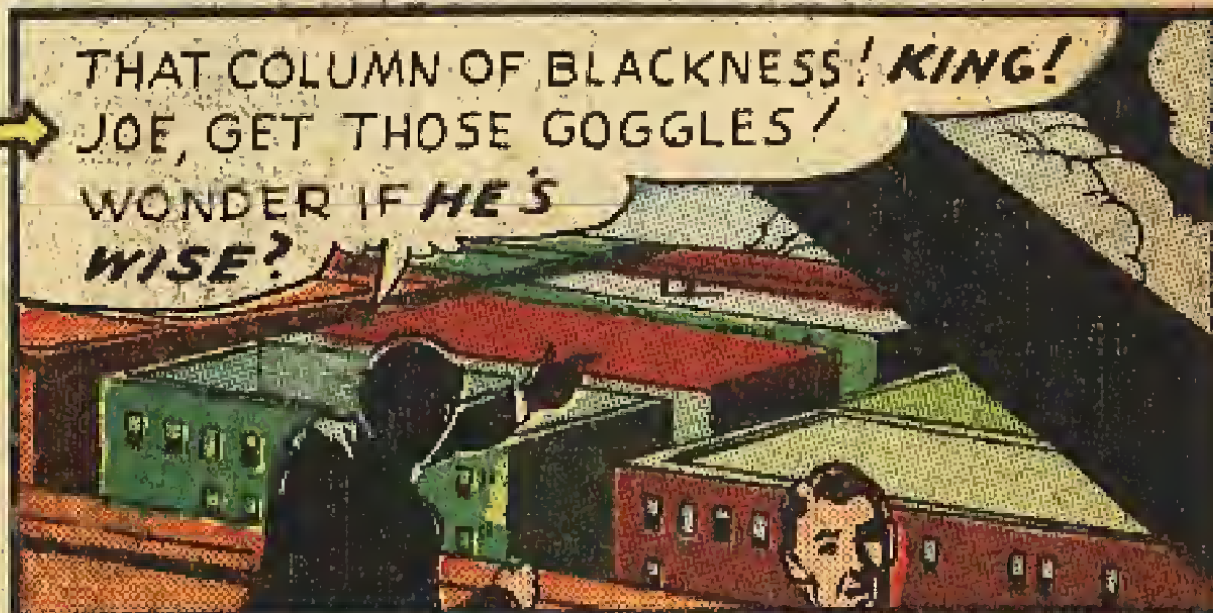


WHEE! IT WORKS! I'LL TAKE A FLIGHT, AND TRY IT FURTHER!



ATOP AN APARTMENT BUILDING

THAT COLUMN OF BLACKNESS! **KING!** JOE, GET THOSE GOGGLES! WONDER IF **HE'S WISE?**



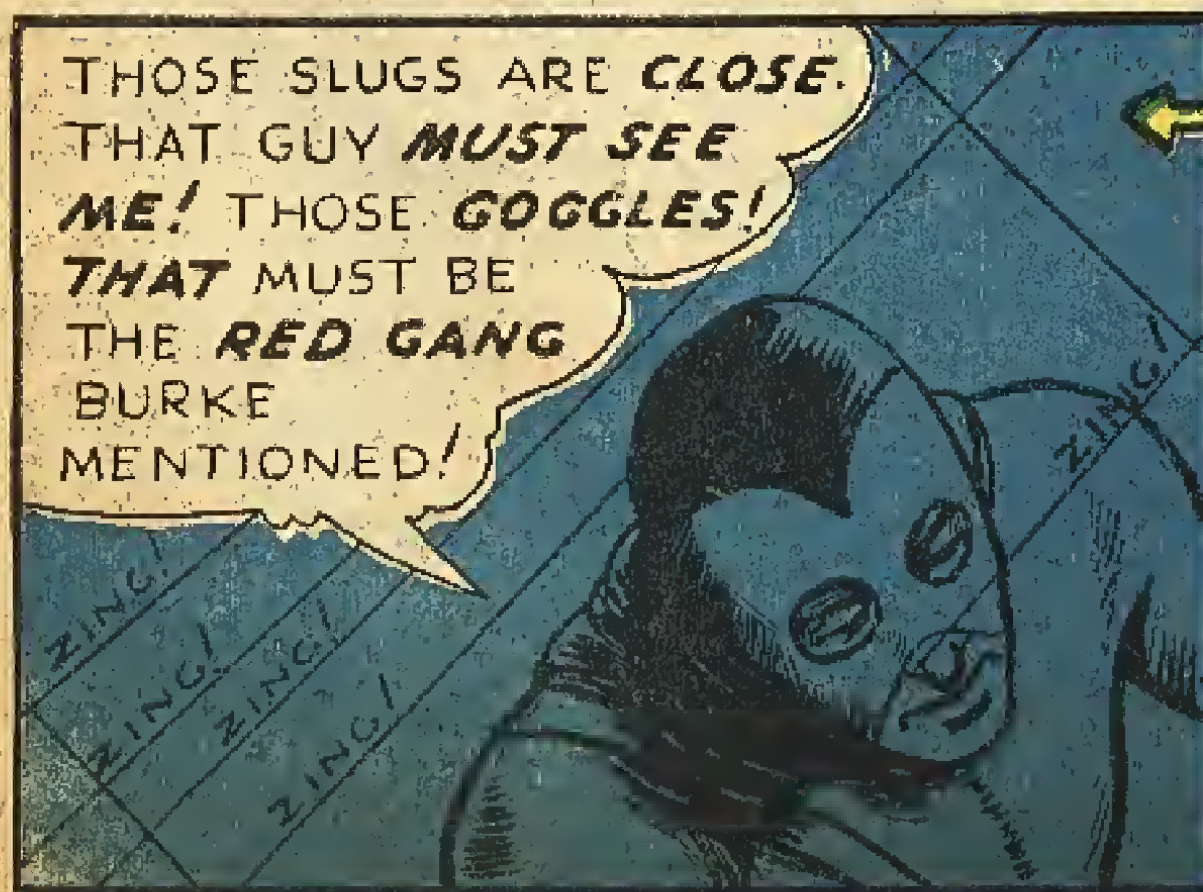
AND, AS KING SOARS OVER — —

IT'S **KING**. HE'S **FLYING** LIKE A **BOLD!**

TAKE THIS GAT, AND **BLAST HIM DOWN!**



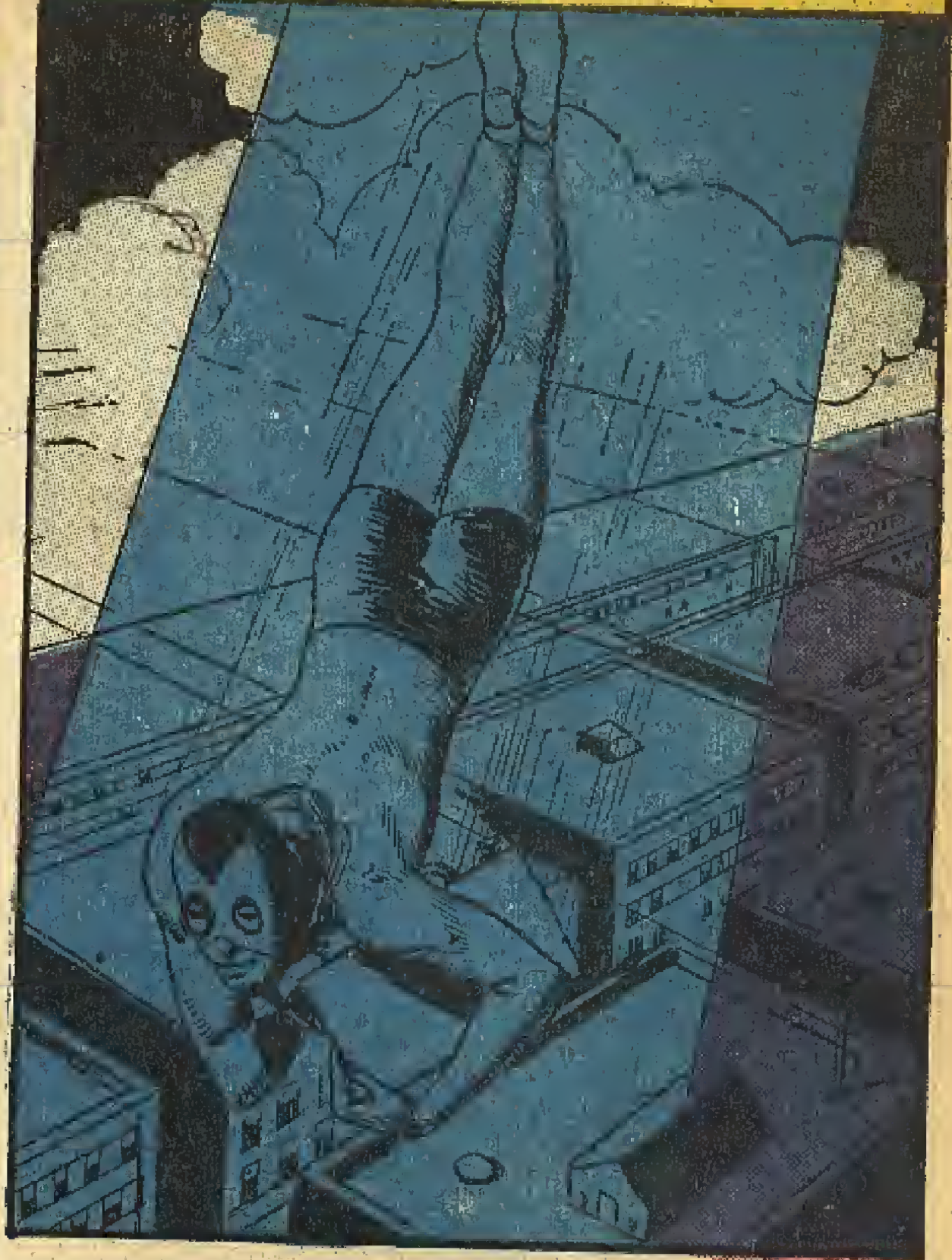
THOSE SLUGS ARE **CLOSE**. THAT GUY **MUST SEE ME!** THOSE **GOGGLES!** **THAT** MUST BE THE **RED GANG** BURKE MENTIONED!



I'LL PUT A **STOP** TO **THAT**!



AS KING CUTS OFF THE ANTI-
GRAVITY WAVE, HE FALLS LIKE A STONE,



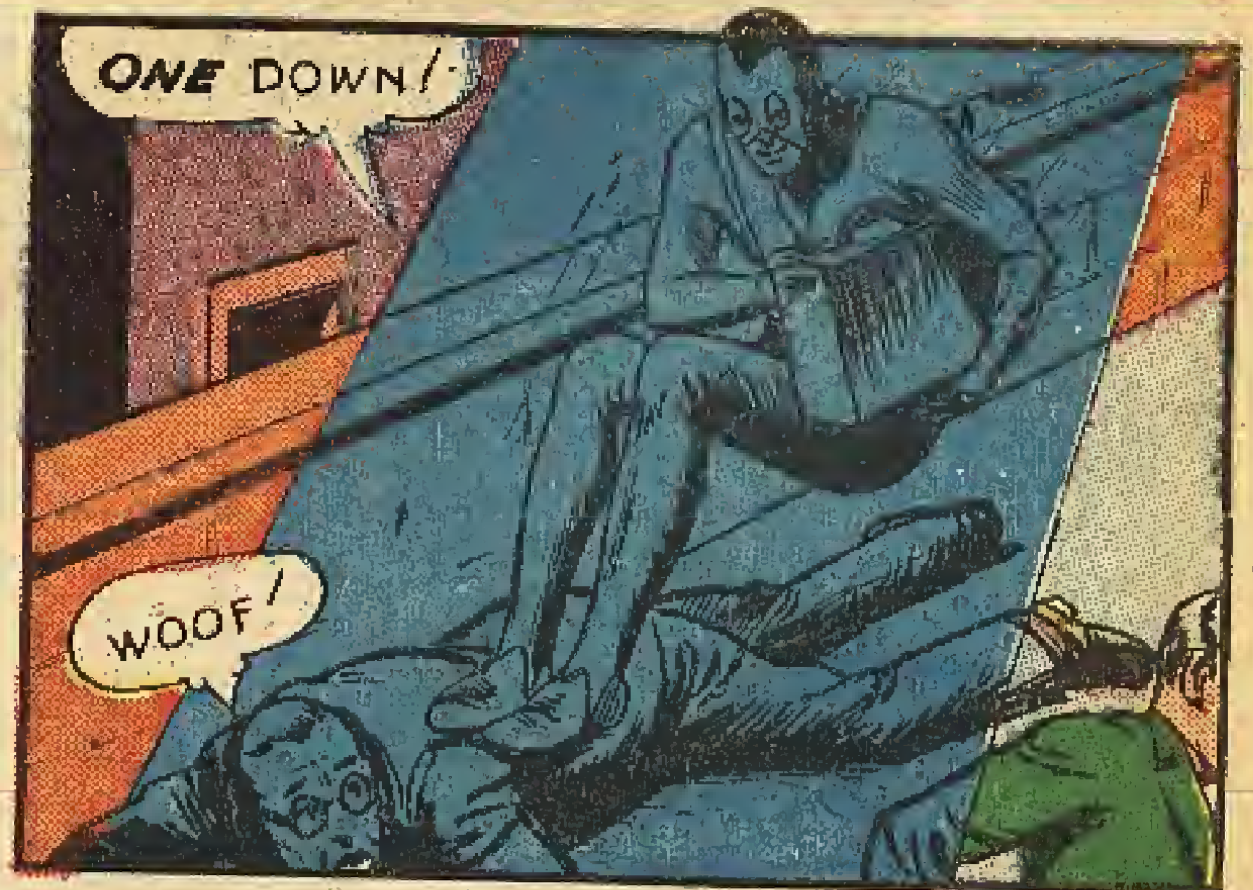
YOU NEVER SAW
THIS ONE
BEFORE,
I'LL BET!

LOOK **OUT**, HE'S
FALLING ON US!



ONE DOWN!

WOOF!



GET HIM!

O.K., BUT I CAN'T SEE!

**TWO, THREE, AND
FOUR!**



WELL, NOW I CAN SEE! **THERE'S** THE
KING OF **DARKNESS**!





GOT YOU, KING!

UGH!



TRY THIS ONE!

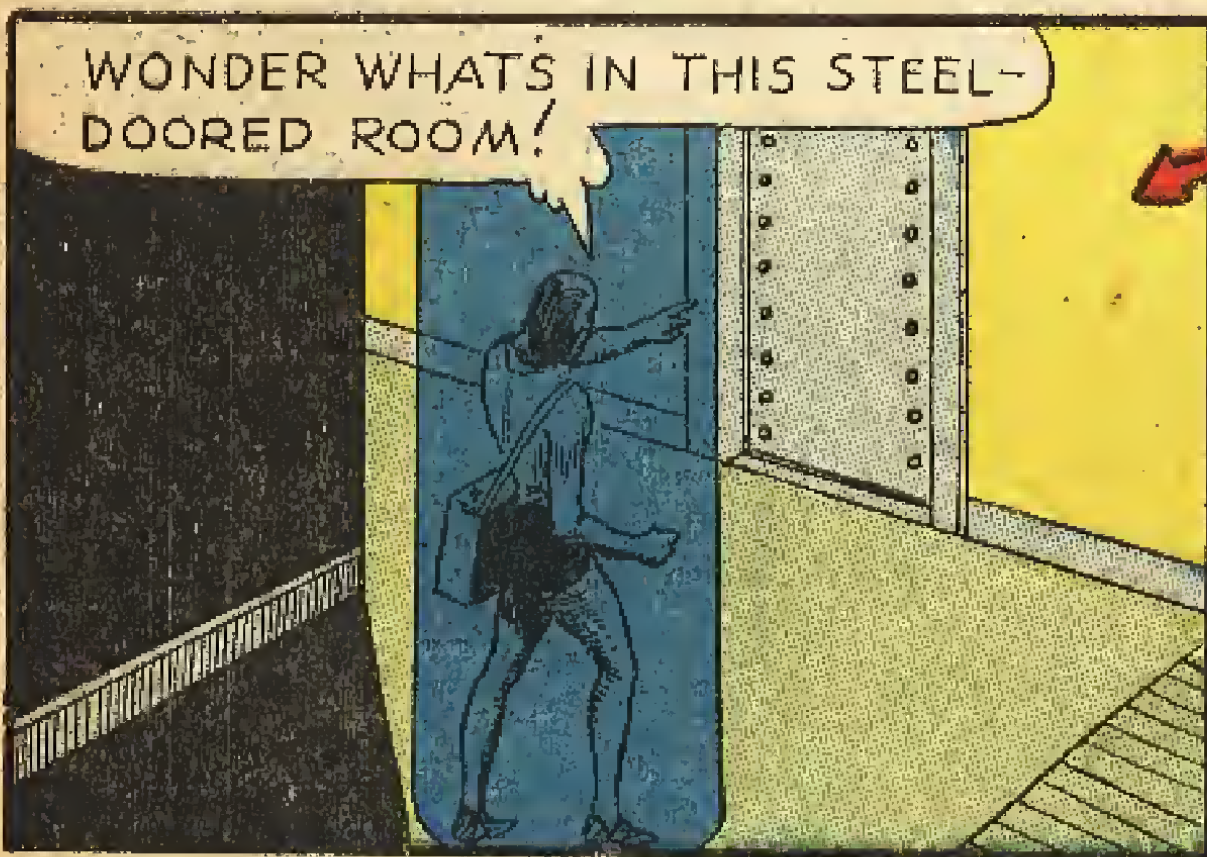


-AND THIS!

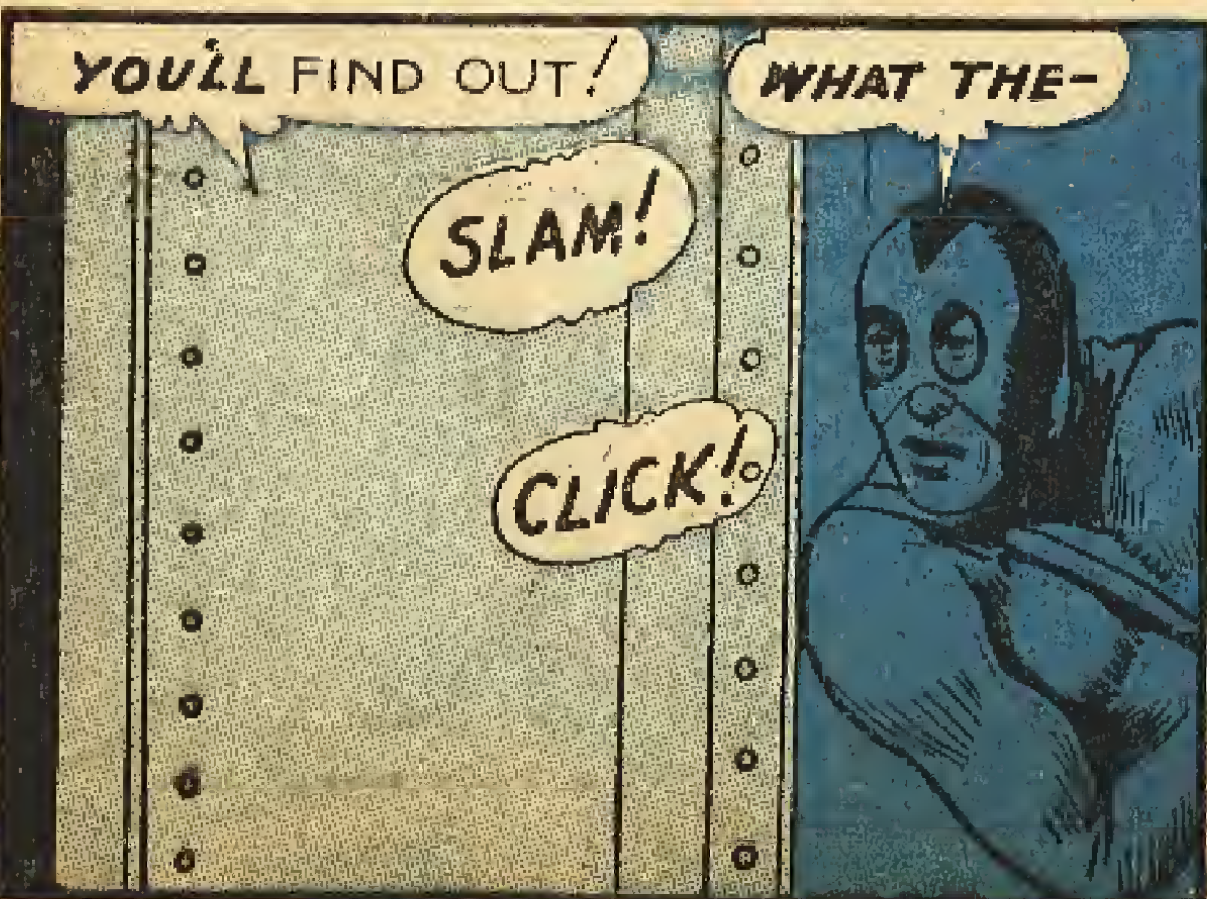
THE LAST GANGSTER FALLS UNCONSCIOUS



MIGHT AS WELL LOOK OVER THIS DUMP!



WONDER WHAT'S IN THIS STEEL-DOORED ROOM!

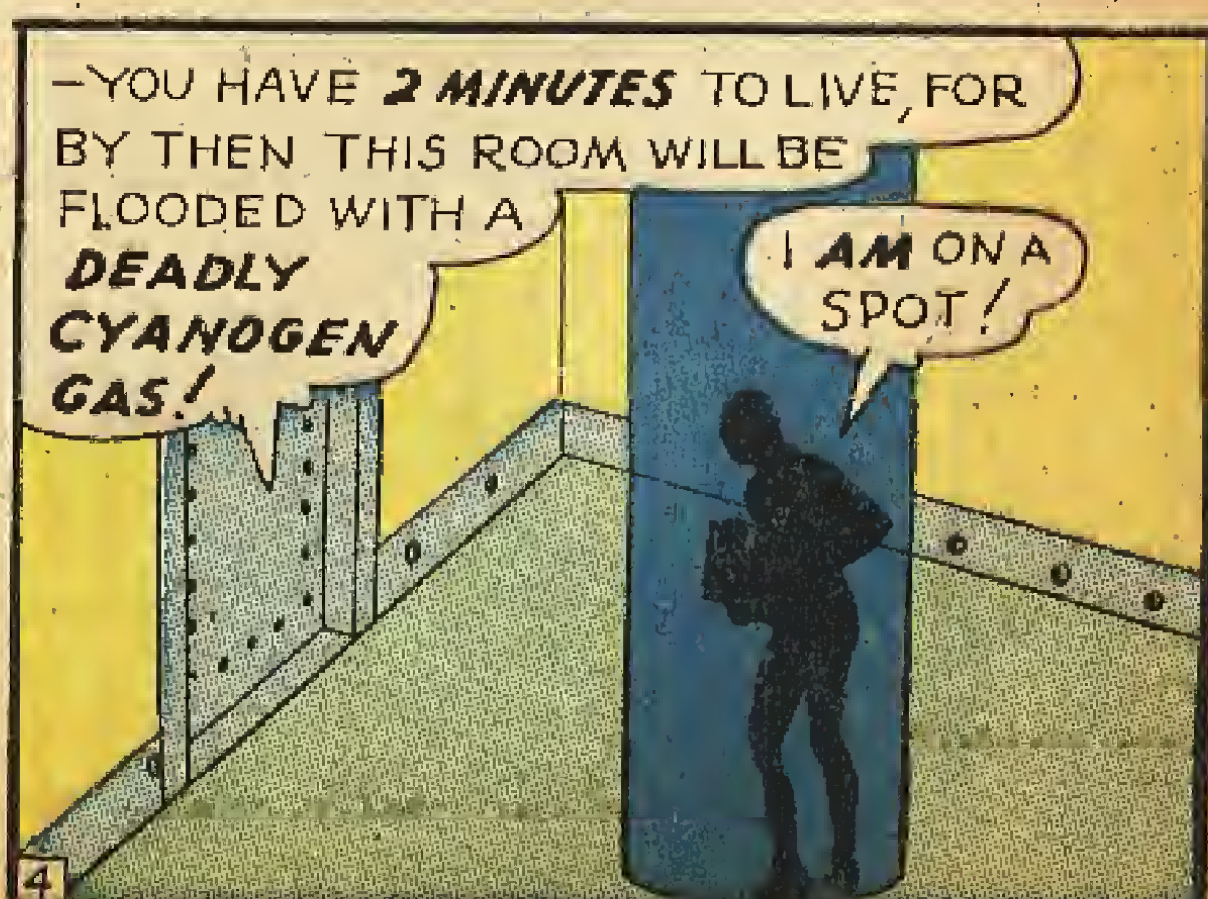


YOU'LL FIND OUT!

WHAT THE-

SLAM!

CLICK!



-YOU HAVE 2 MINUTES TO LIVE, FOR BY THEN THIS ROOM WILL BE FLOODED WITH A DEADLY CYANOGEN GAS!

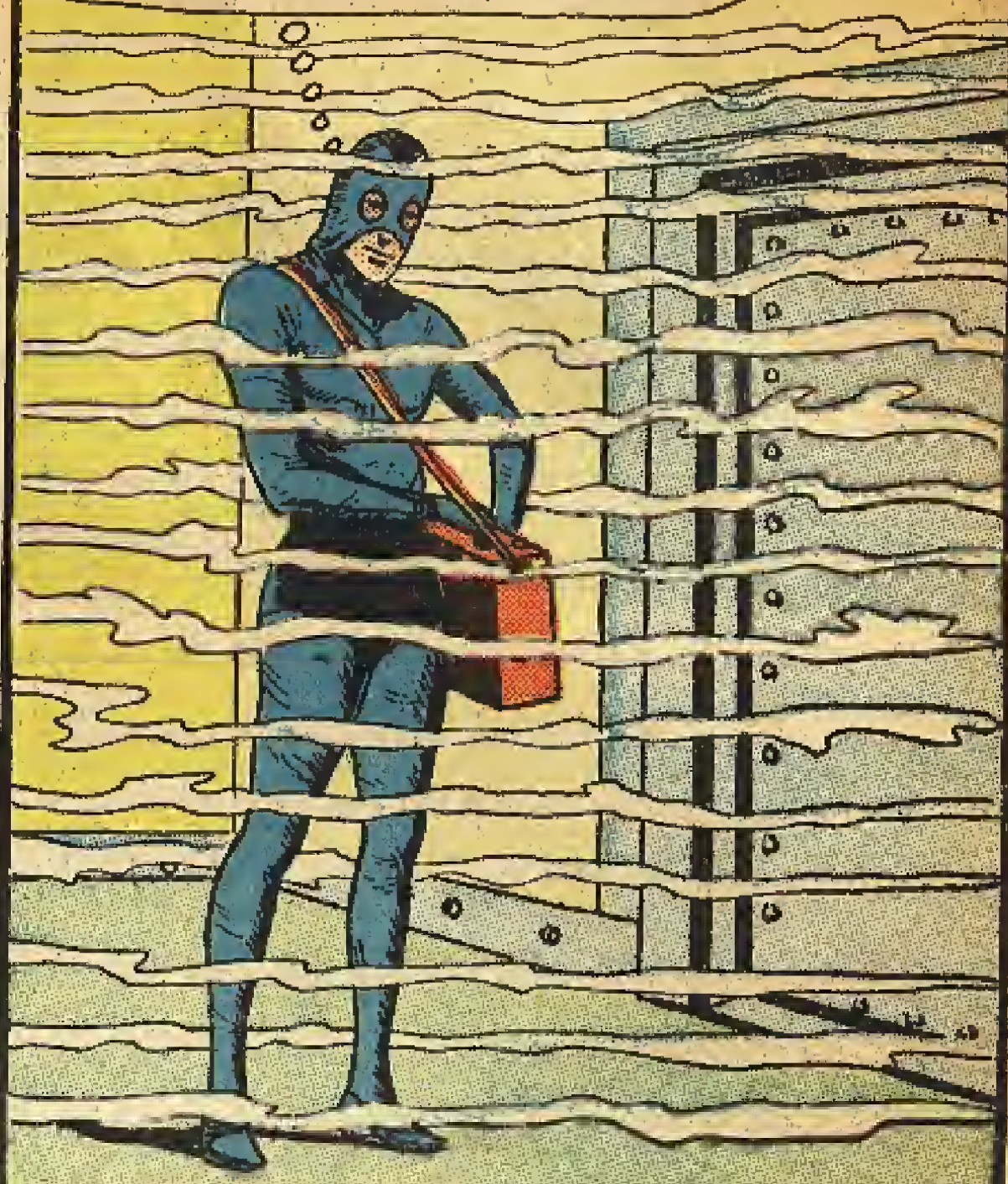
I AM ON A SPOT!

GAS HISSES INTO THE LOCKED ROOM

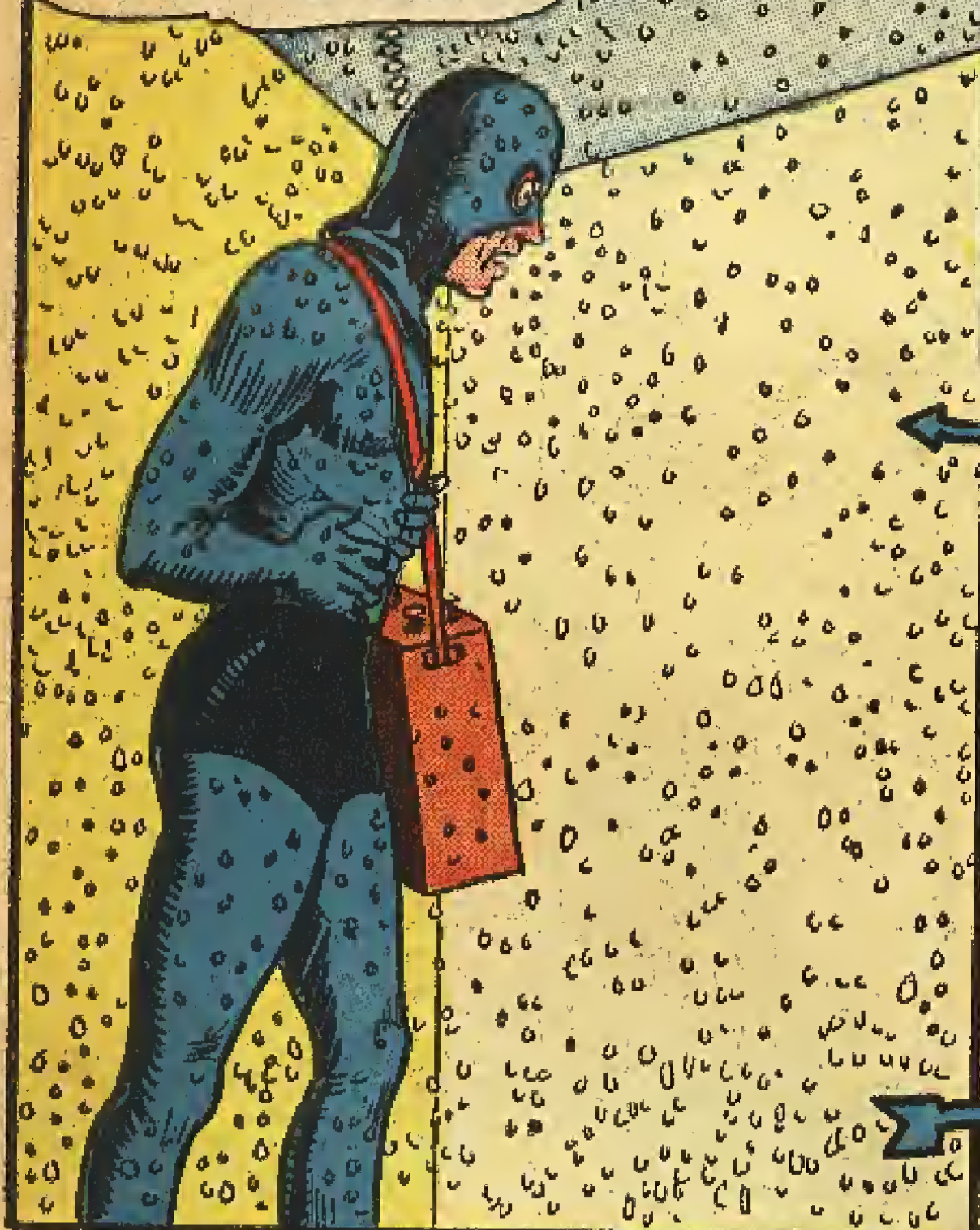
NOW WHAT DO I DO? I CAN'T
HOLD MY BREATH FOREVER!



I KNOW, I'LL FREEZE THE
GAS WITH MY COLD WAVE.



NO AIR! IT FROZE SO I CAN'T
BREATHE. NOW WHAT DO I DO?
GASP - NO AIR -

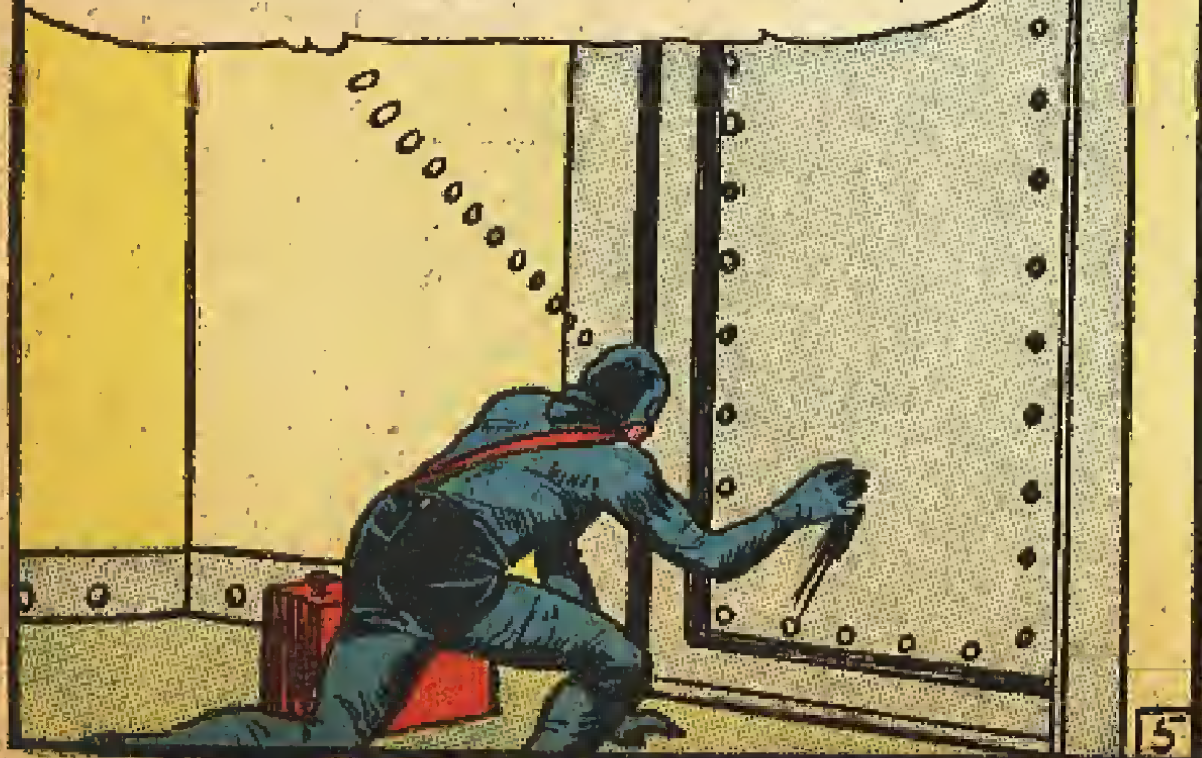


AS KING TURNS ON THE COLD, GAS AND
AIR FALL LIKE SNOW FLAKES.

-IF I TURN OFF COLD, GAS WILL
GET ME - IF NOT - SUFFOCATE!

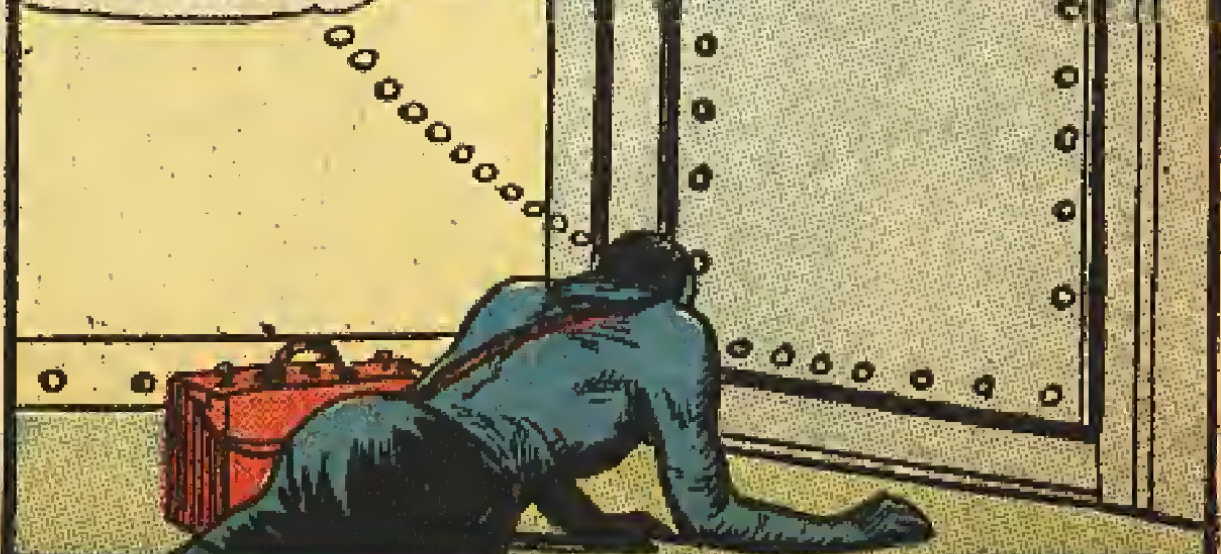


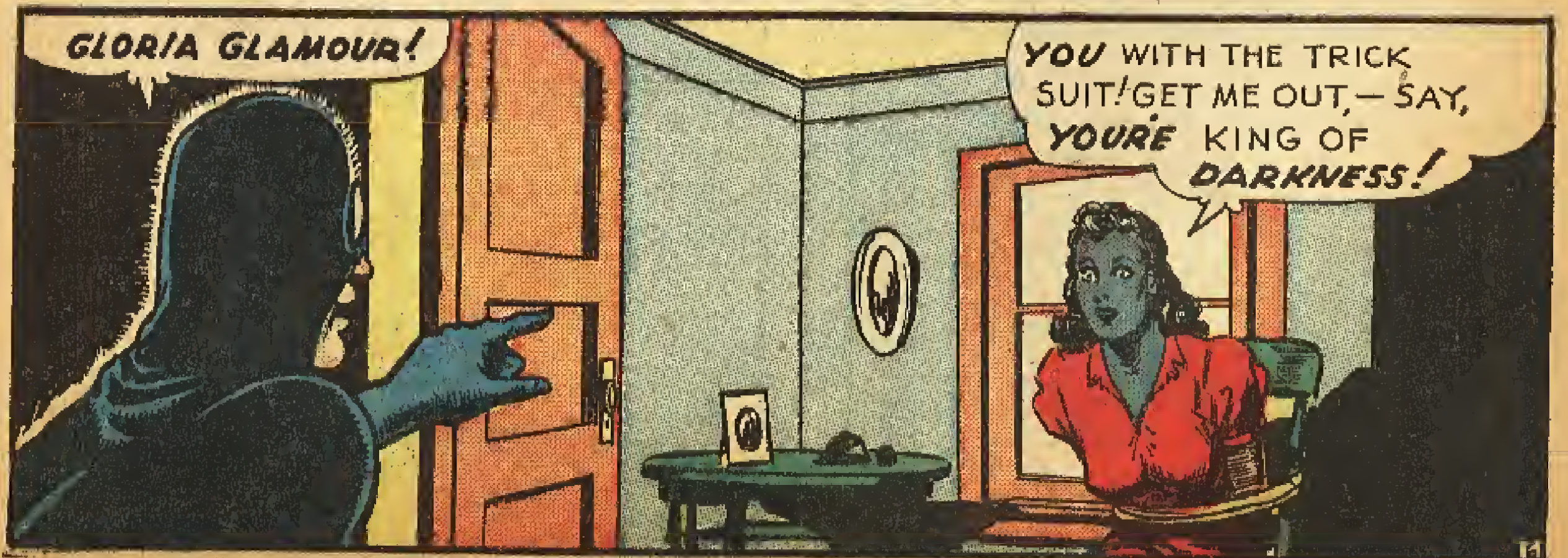
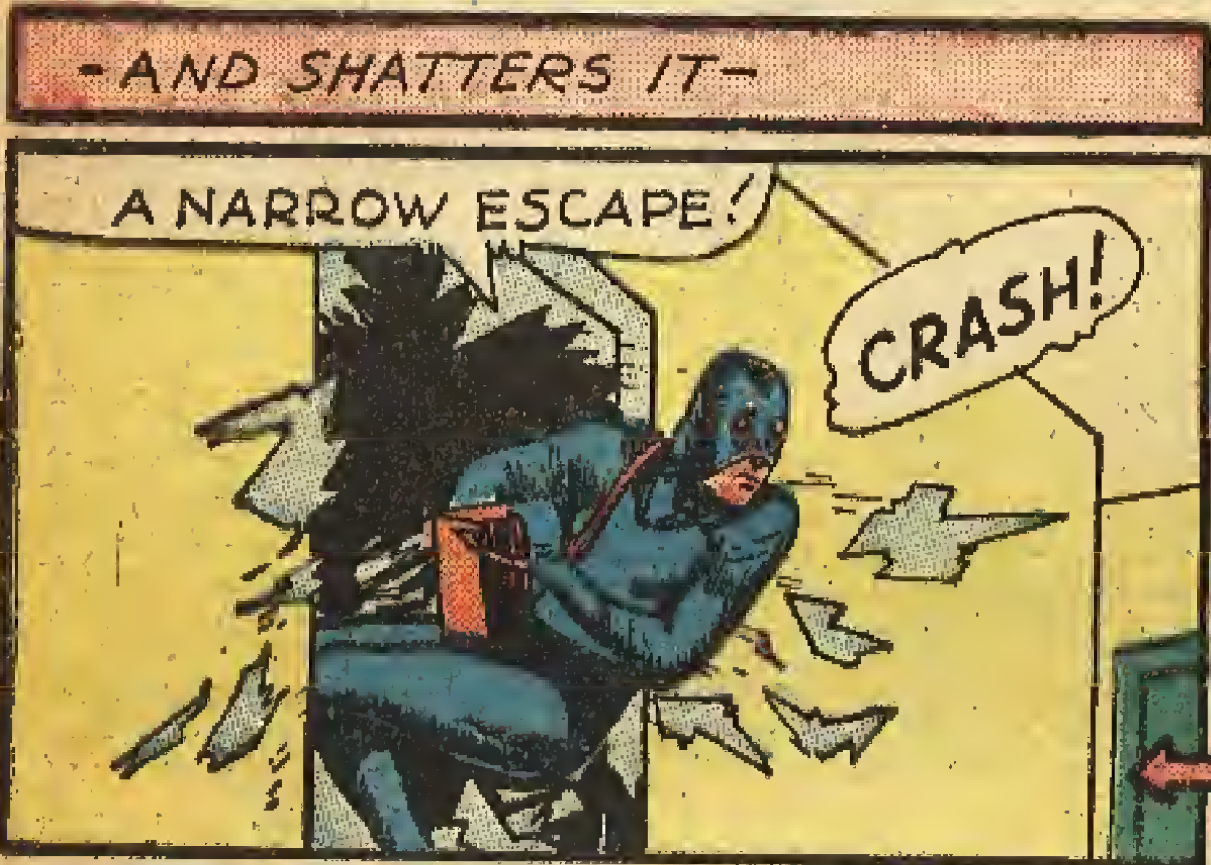
DOOR'S STEEL - - - STEEL!

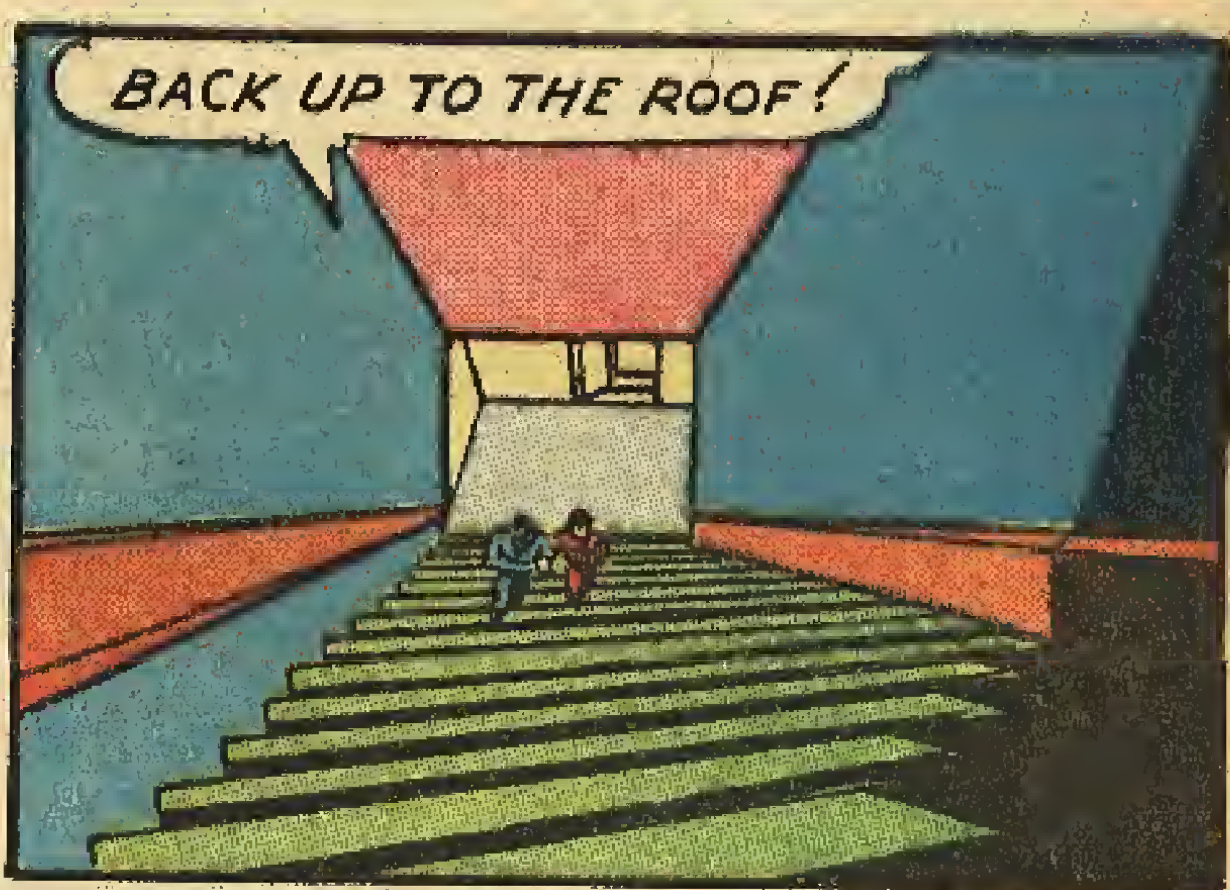
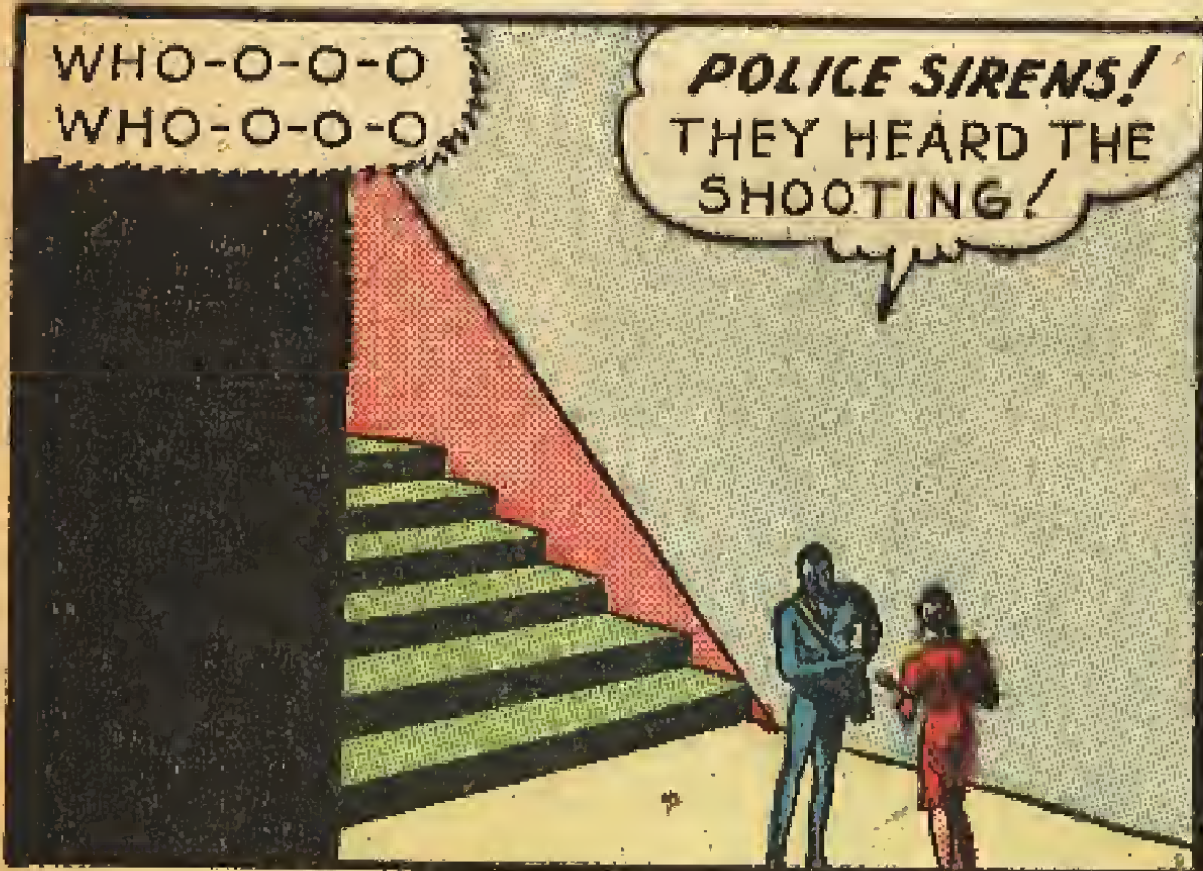
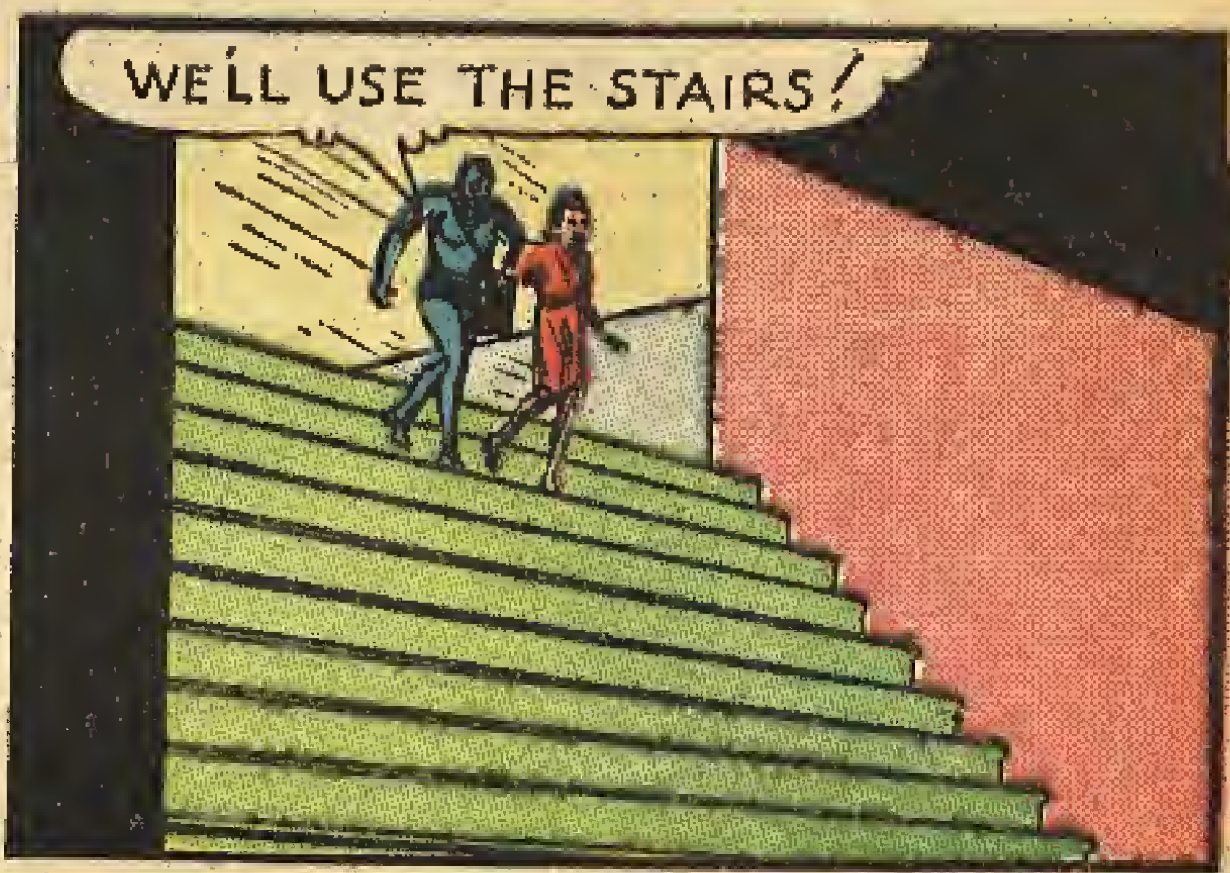
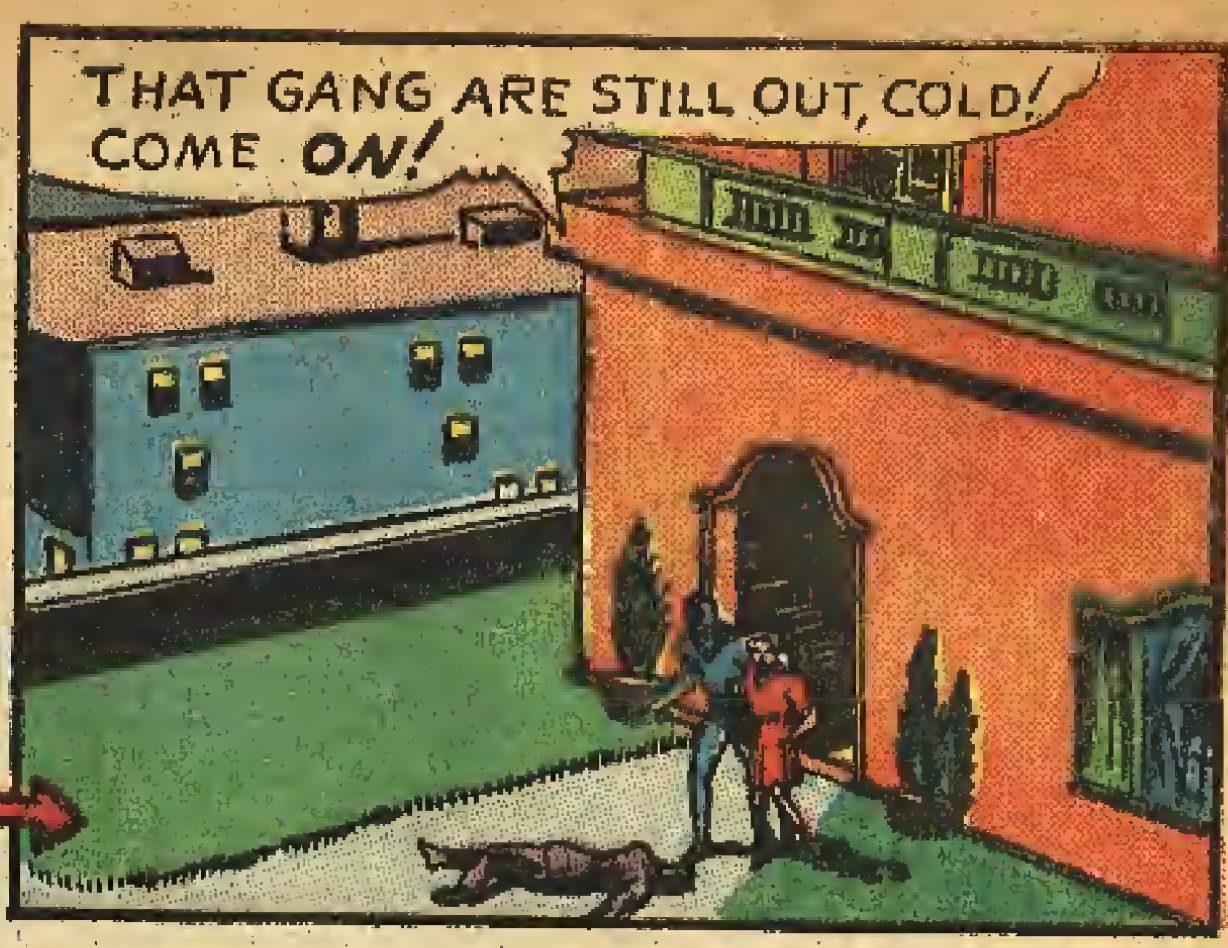


KING DRAGS HIMSELF TO THE DOOR.

IF IT'S FROZEN, IT'S AS
BRITTLE -







-IT'LL **NOT** GET **US!** HANG ON **TIGHT, GLORIA!**

THAT WONT BE HARD TO TAKE, KING!



TURNING ON HIS BLACK AND ANTI-GRAVITY WAVE, KING LEAPS INTO THE AIR WITH THE GIRL

THERE ARE THE POLICE, - THEY SMELL THE GAS, AND ARE WITHDRAWING! GOOD!



OVER NEPTUNE PARK, KING AND THE GIRL DROP TO EARTH.

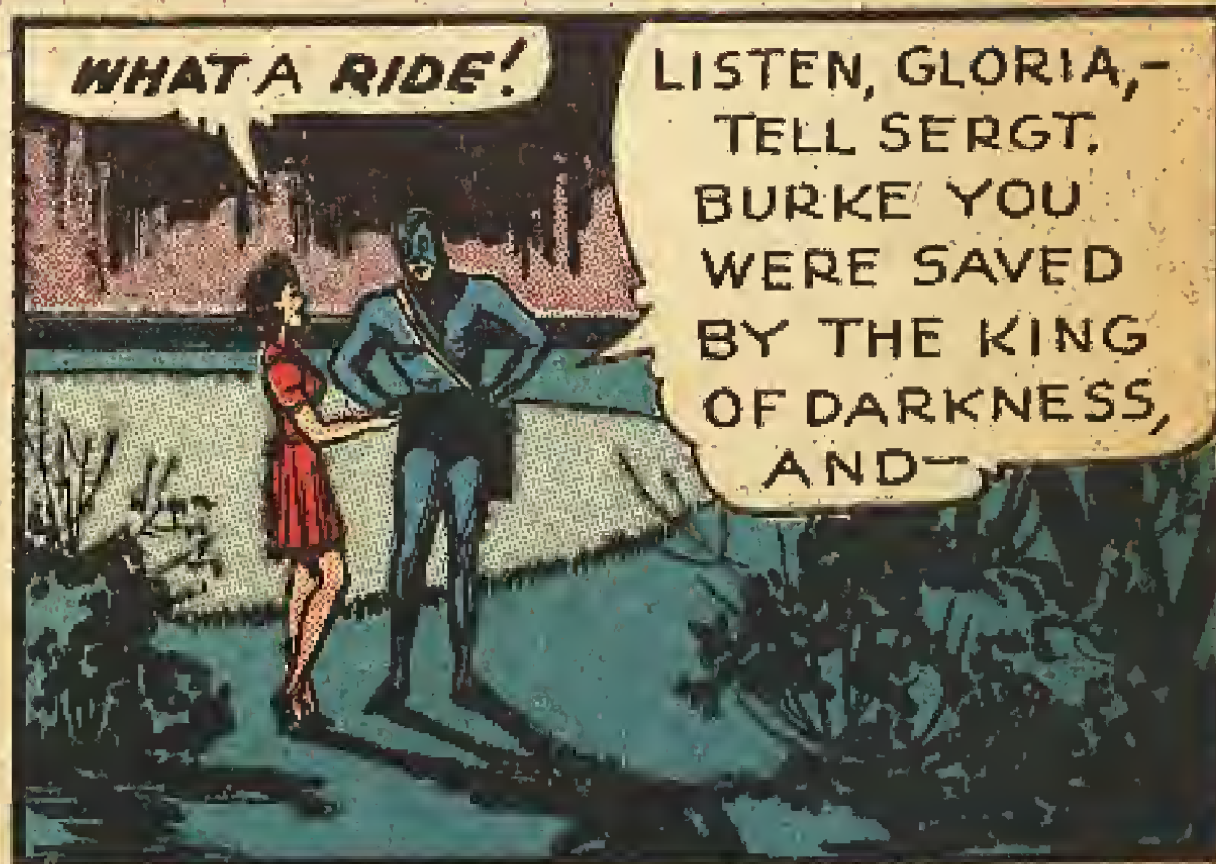
WE'RE **FALLING!**

IT'S OK, HANG ON!



WHAT A RIDE!

LISTEN, GLORIA, - TELL SERGT. BURKE YOU WERE SAVED BY THE KING OF DARKNESS, AND -

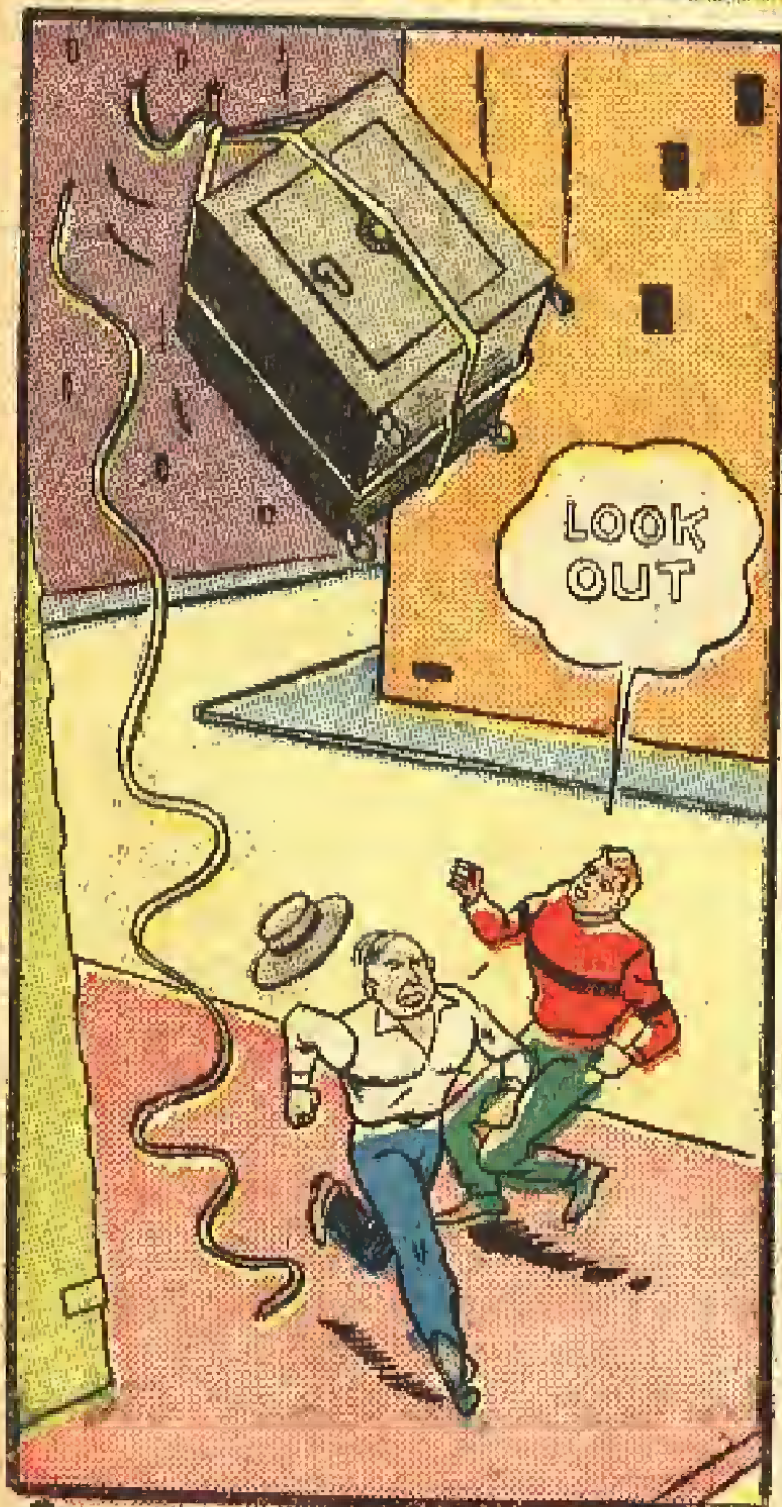
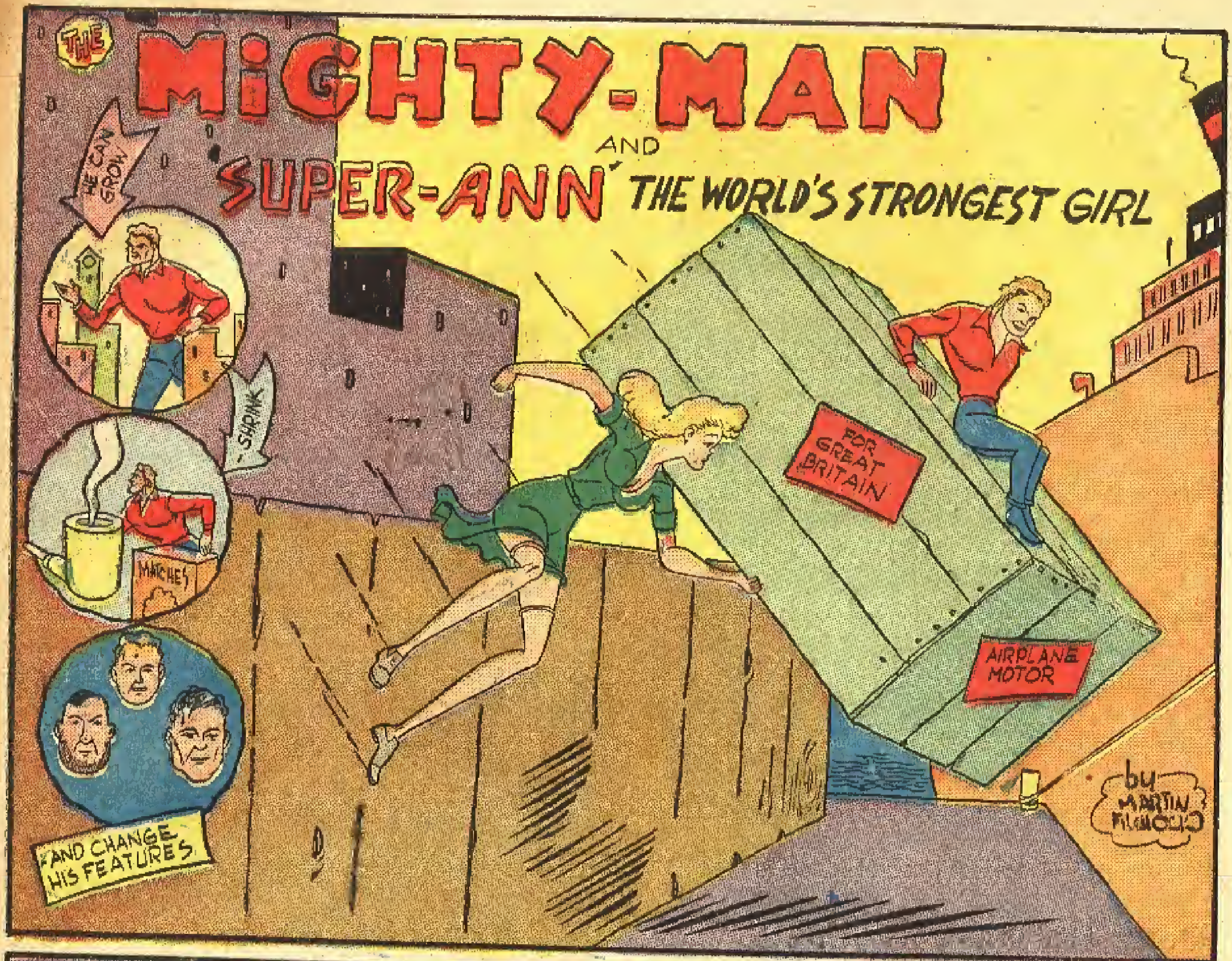


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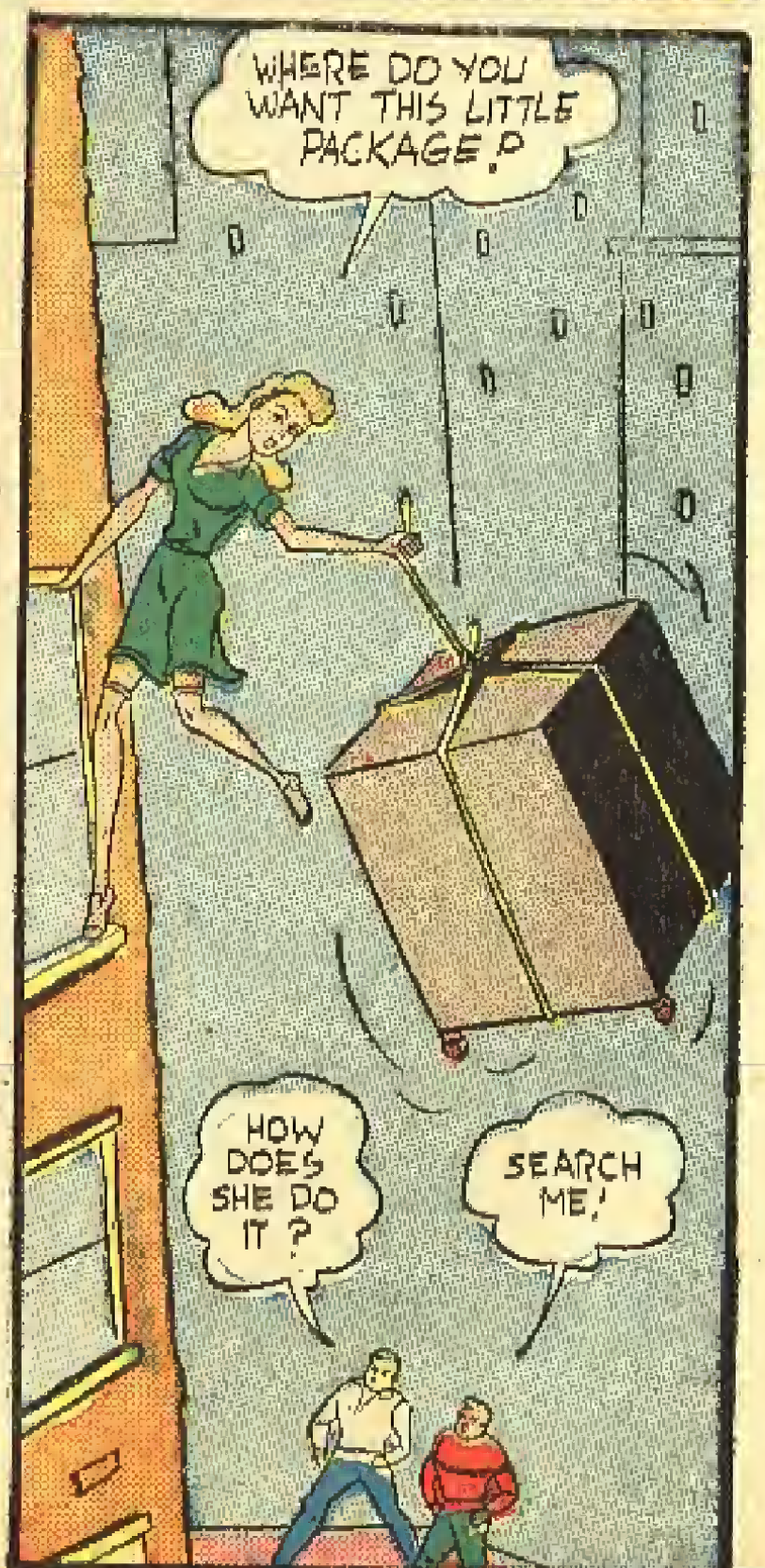


WELL, **THAT'S** THE **FIRST REAL REWARD** THIS INVENTION HAS BROUGHT **ME!**





TWO MEN CAN BE SEEN RAISING A HUGE SAFE TO THE TOP FLOOR OF A FOUR STORY BUILDING. SUDDENLY THE CABLE SNAPS!



THE MIGHTY MAN, THE GIRL'S GUARDIAN ANGEL, WATCHES HER PERFORM THIS AMAZING FEAT! HE IS FAR FROM PLEASED



THE MIGHTY MAN IS RIGHT - AS ANN FINDS OUT THAT VERY NIGHT!

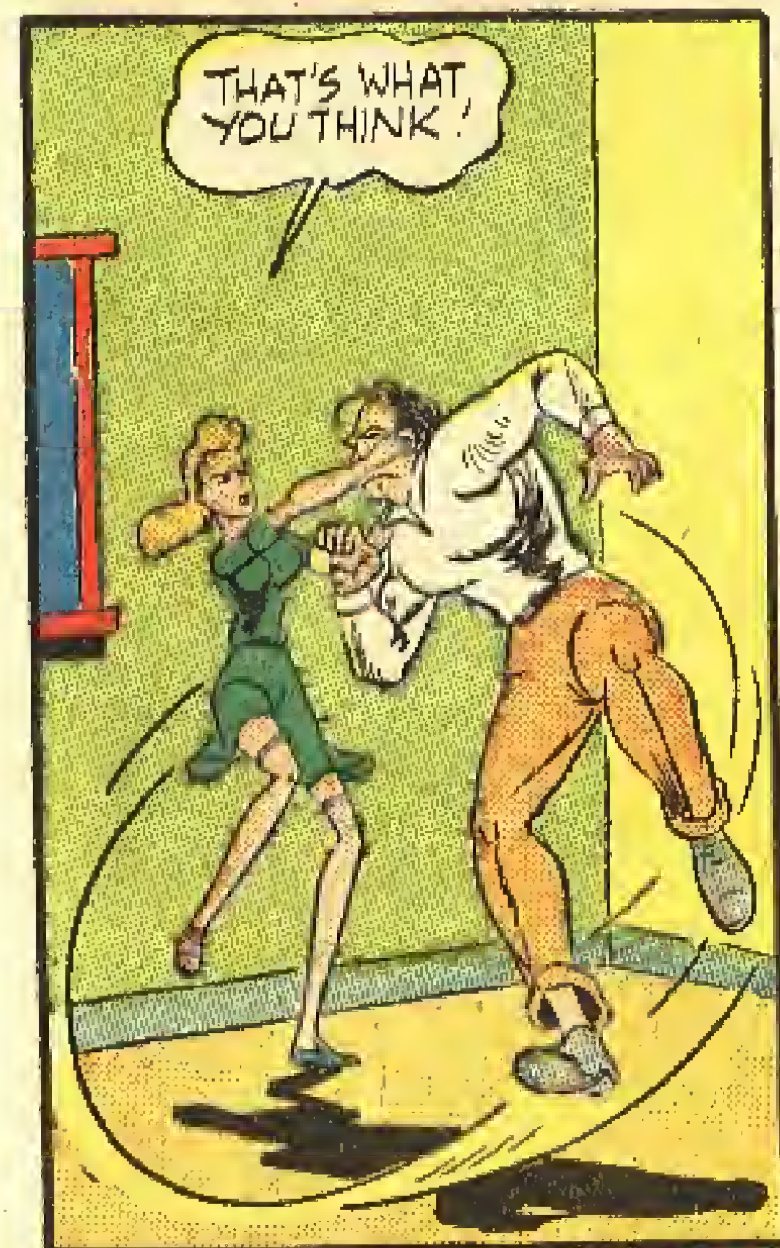
THAT'S FUNNY! WHY AREN'T THE LIGHTS ON?



MAW OH MAW



I HAVE HER MEN! TURN ON THE LIGHTS



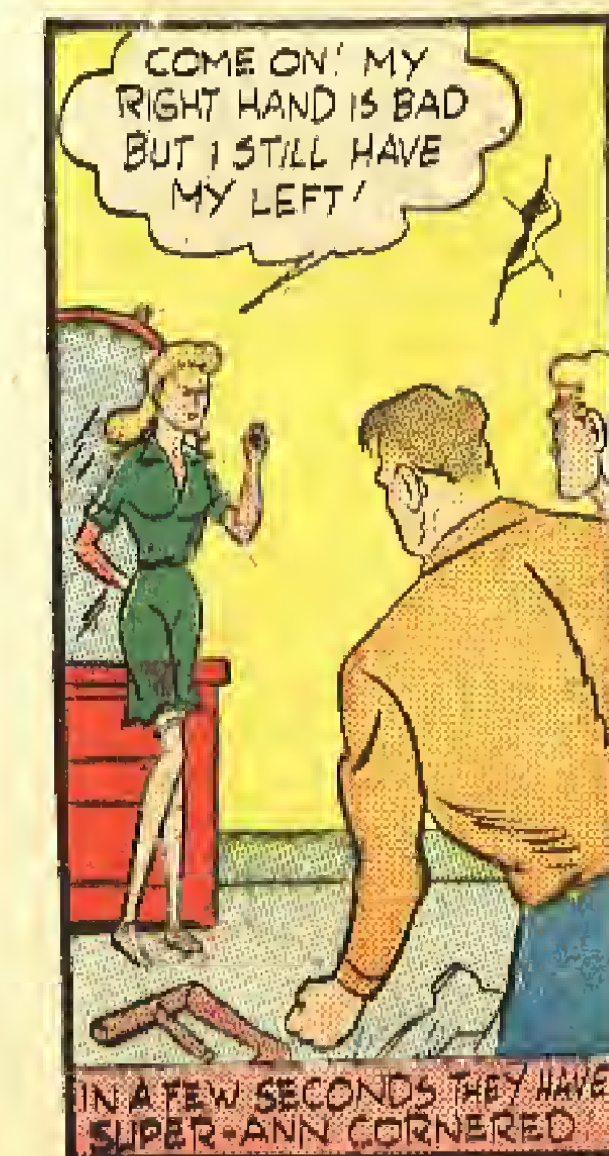
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!



WHO! A REGULAR MOB - NOW THE FIGHT IS EVEN!



BUT THE MEN ARE EXPERIENCED FIGHTERS



COME ON! MY RIGHT HAND IS BAD BUT I STILL HAVE MY LEFT!



OKEY, MEN! CHARGE HER!

THE MEN CHARGE HER AS A SINGLE UNIT



WITH THE OVERWHELMING ODDS AGAINST HER ANN IS SOON OVERPOWERED



QUICKLY SHE IS CARRIED OFF

I WONDER WHY NO ONE IS STIRRING IN SUPER-ANN'S HOME! PERHAPS SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HER AFTER I LEFT LAST NIGHT - I'LL SOON FIND OUT!

THE NEXT DAY!

BY SIMPLY THINKING HIMSELF SMALL THE MIGHTY MAN SHRINKS..

AND HOPS THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

WHEW! LOOKS LIKE LIGHTNING STRUCK THIS PLACE TWICE!

HMM! WHAT'S THIS WRITING ON THE MIRROR? S-A-I-L-O-R-S SUPER-ANN WROTE THIS WITH LIPSTICK - WHY?

HE MAKES A STARTLING DISCOVERY!

THE MIGHTY MAN GOES STRAIGHT TO THE WATERFRONT

I'LL FIND SOME CLUE HERE I'M SURE!

OH! OH!

THE MIGHTY MAN SEES HIS FIRST CLUE!

THOSE BOYS LOOK LIKE THEY'VE WENT THROUGH A MEAT GRINDER!

SEA FOG

-MORE CLUES!

UNDOUBTLY THEY'VE MET UP WITH SUPER-ANN STAR - I'LL FOLLOW ONE OF THEM!

HE WENT IN THERE AND SO, WILL I!

WHEN DO WE STRIKE?

TONIGHT!

THE SAILOR MEETS A FRIEND

SHE FINALLY AGREED TO DO IT! SHE LOVES HER MOTHER VERY MUCH!

I KNEW SHE'D GIVE IN!

THE MIGHTY MAN LISTENS IN!



I'M GOING OUT TO SEE HER OLD LADY - REMEMBER! BE ON THE MAIN DOCK AT TWO!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME - YOU MAKE SURE YOU'RE NOT FOLLOWED!



ACH! SEVEN COUNTRIES CAN'T CATCH ME AND HE TELLS ME NOT TO LET ANYONE FOLLOW ME - IT CAN'T BE DONE! HA HA

HA! HA!



I'M SURE I HEARD A LAUGH - MUST BE AN ECHO - BUT IN SUCH AN ODD PLACE!



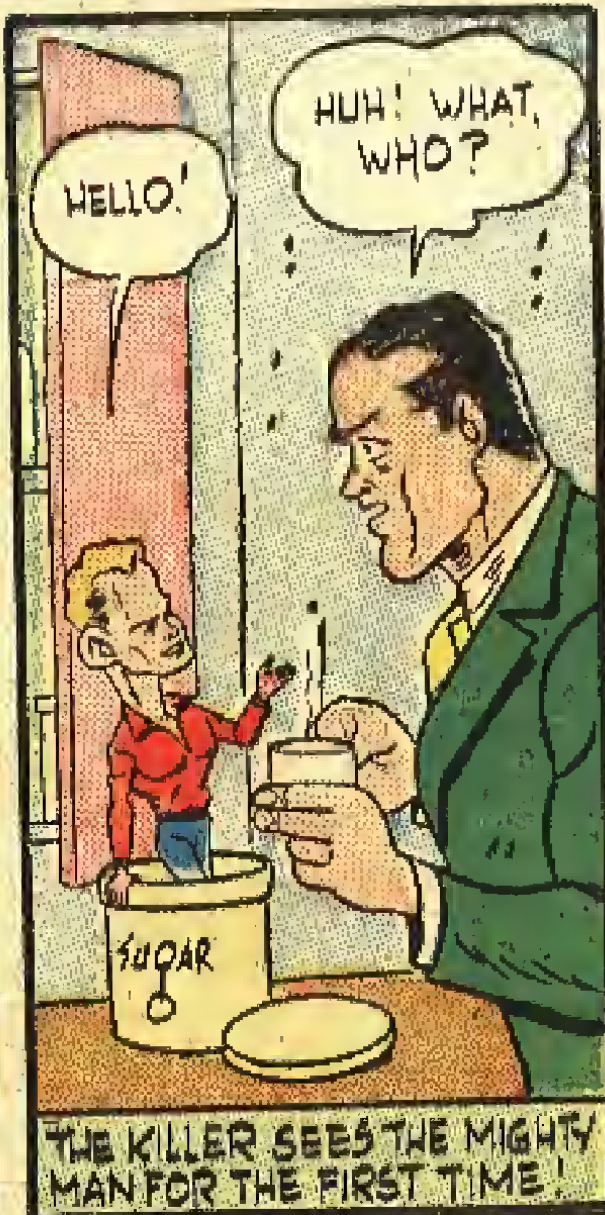
HELLO, MAW! CAN I GIVE YOU A BITE TO EAT?

NO! JUST GIVE ME A CLIP OF COFFEE

SOMETIME LATER IN THE SLUM SECTION OF THE CITY!



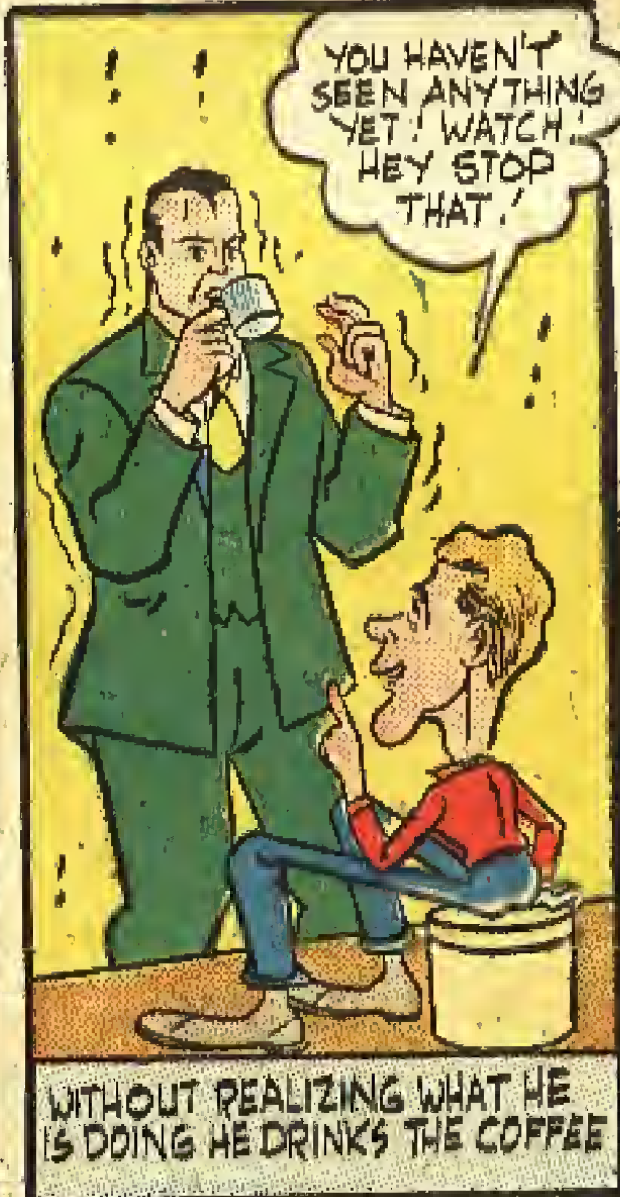
ACH! THE BOYS DON'T KNOW THAT I'M GOING TO DOUBLE CROSS THEM BY KILLING THE THE OLD LADY - SUPER-ANN WILL KILL ALL OF THEM FOR REVENGE! SHE WON'T GET ME BECAUSE I'M SKIPPING OUT TONIGHT - JUST AS THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND ORDERED ME TO DO!



HELLO!

HUH! WHAT, WHO?

THE KILLER SEES THE MIGHTY MAN FOR THE FIRST TIME!



YOU HAVEN'T SEEN ANYTHING YET! WATCH! HEY STOP THAT!

WITHOUT REALIZING WHAT HE IS DOING HE DRINKS THE COFFEE



SOME UNKNOWN POWER PREVENTED ME FROM STOPPING HIM!



MRS STAR, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU AWAY FROM HERE BUT FIRST YOU MUST PROMISE NOT TO TELL YOUR DAUGHTER HOW I DID IT!

I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT I'LL PROMISE IN SPIE OF MYSELF



YOUNG MAN YOU NEEDN'T WORRY ABOUT ME TELLING MY DAUGHTER - SHE WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I DID!

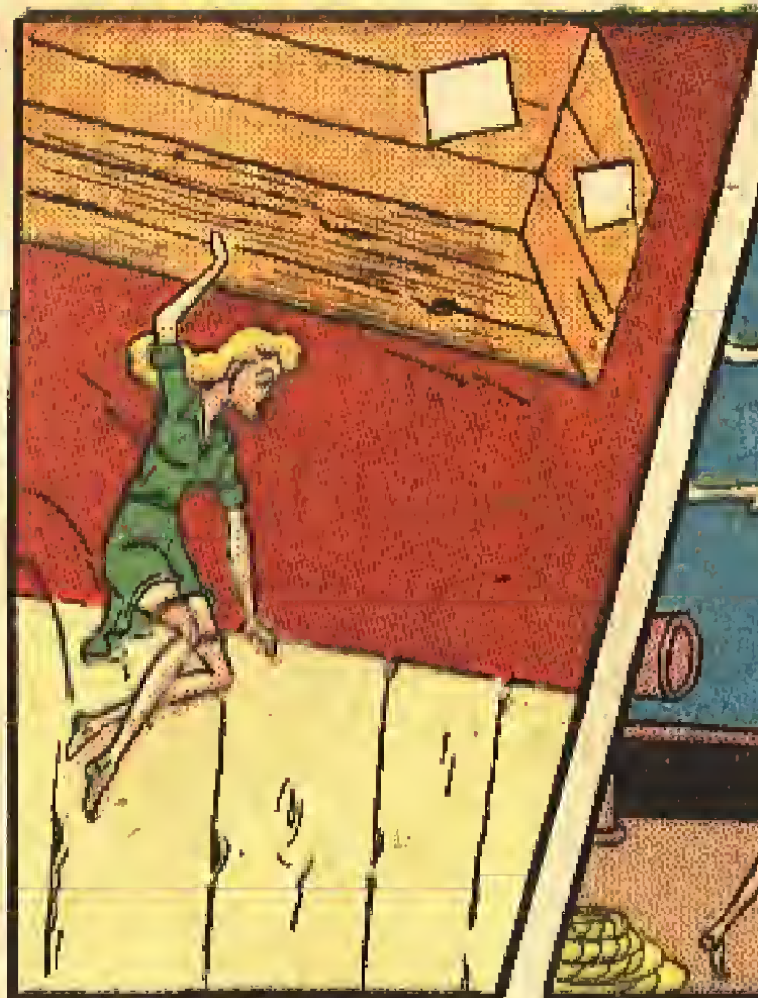
PERHAPS NOT! BUT DON'T TELL HER ANYHOW!

SOON A HIGH MIGHTY MAN IS FLYING HIGH OVER THE CITIE'S HIGHEST SKYSCRAPERS!

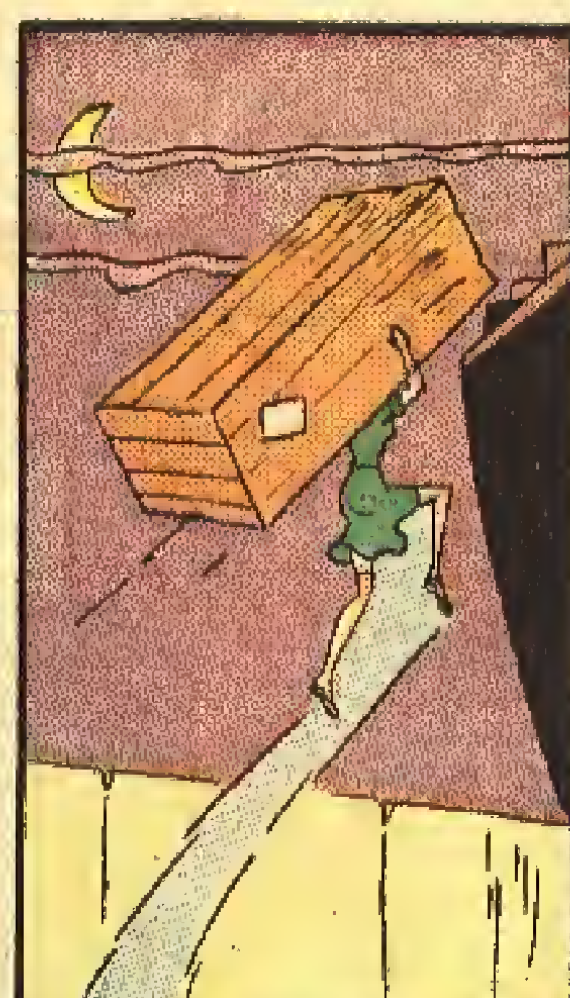
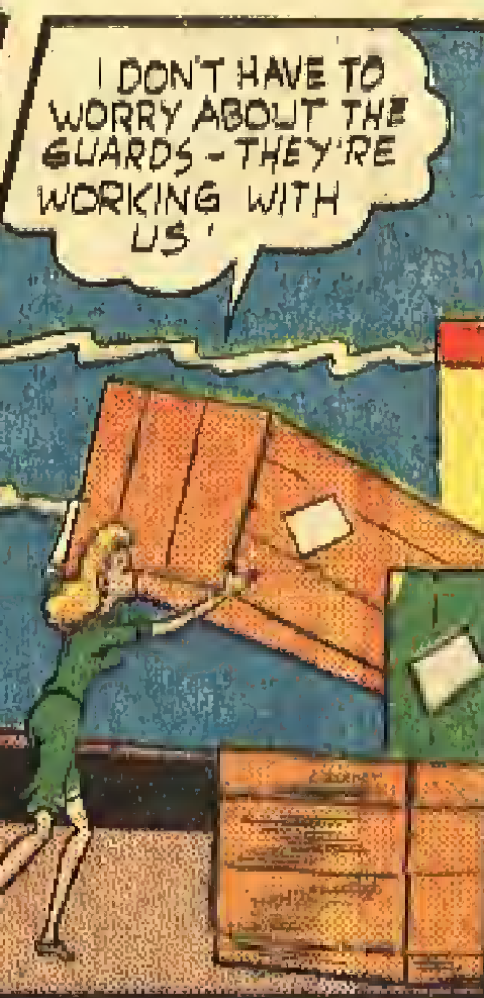


SHE'LL BE SAFE THERE! IT'S TOO BAD SHE DIDN'T KNOW THEIR PLANS! I'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH I SUPPOSE!

LATER AT A FRIENDS HOME



THE MIGHTY MAN SEES SUPER-ANN VAULT A FENCE CARRYING A LARGE WOODEN BOX - SHE EXCHANGES IT FOR ONE EXACTLY LIKE IT IN EVERY DETAIL!



SHE HOPS BACK OVER THE FENCE WITH THE EXCHANGED BOX!



THE MIGHTY MAN SHRINKS AND ENTERS THE WOODEN BOX THROUGH A CRACK!



SUPER-ANN SOON RETURNS WITH ANOTHER BOX - BUT INSTEAD OF TAKING ONE WITH A BOMB IN IT SHE TAKES THE ONE WITH THE AIRPLANE MOTORS



WHILE SHE IS AWAY THE MIGHTY MAN AGAIN CHANGES THE BOXES! SUPER-ANN MAKES HER APPEARANCE AND AGAIN TAKES THE WRONG BOX!





WELL! SHE DID IT, TONY!

YEAH! LET'S GO! THE OTHER BOYS MAY BE WAITING FOR US!

BUT HE FINDS TWO MEN ALREADY THERE

THE TWO MEN START TO LEAVE WHEN SUDDENLY ONE LEAVES THE DECK!



HUH?



I'M GETTING OFF THIS HOODOO SHIP!

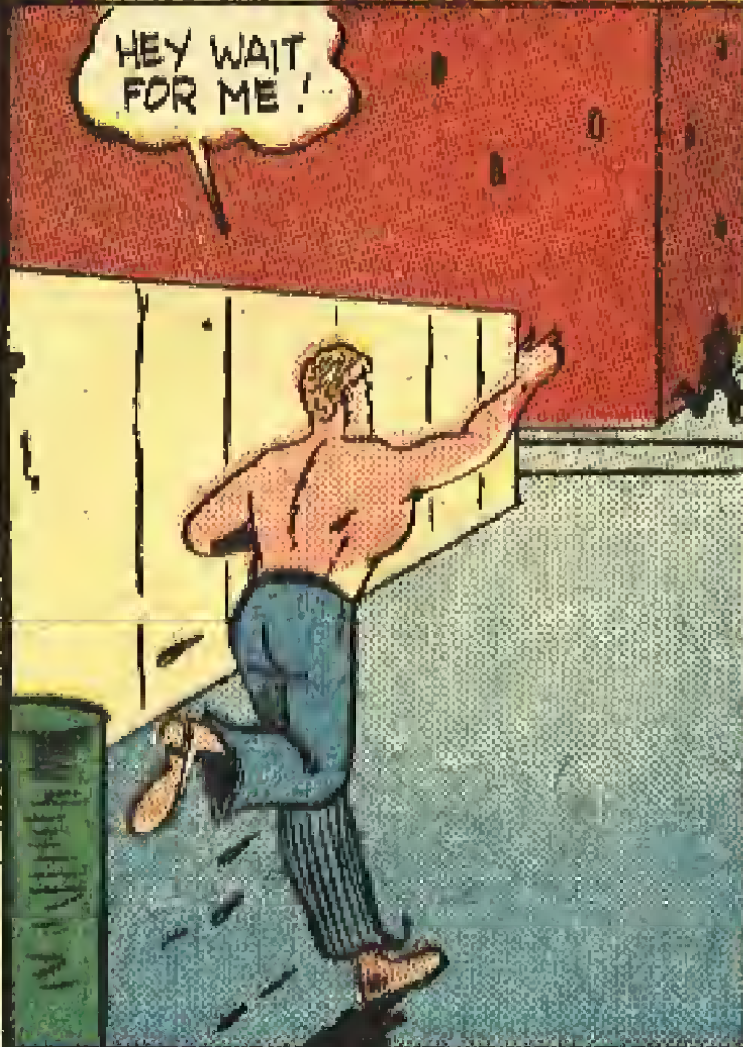
LIKE A BIRD HE SOARS FAR OUT INTO THE SEA AND THEN DROPS LIKE A COMET!

WHEN HE COMES TO THE SURFACE HIS SWEATER IS MISSING!

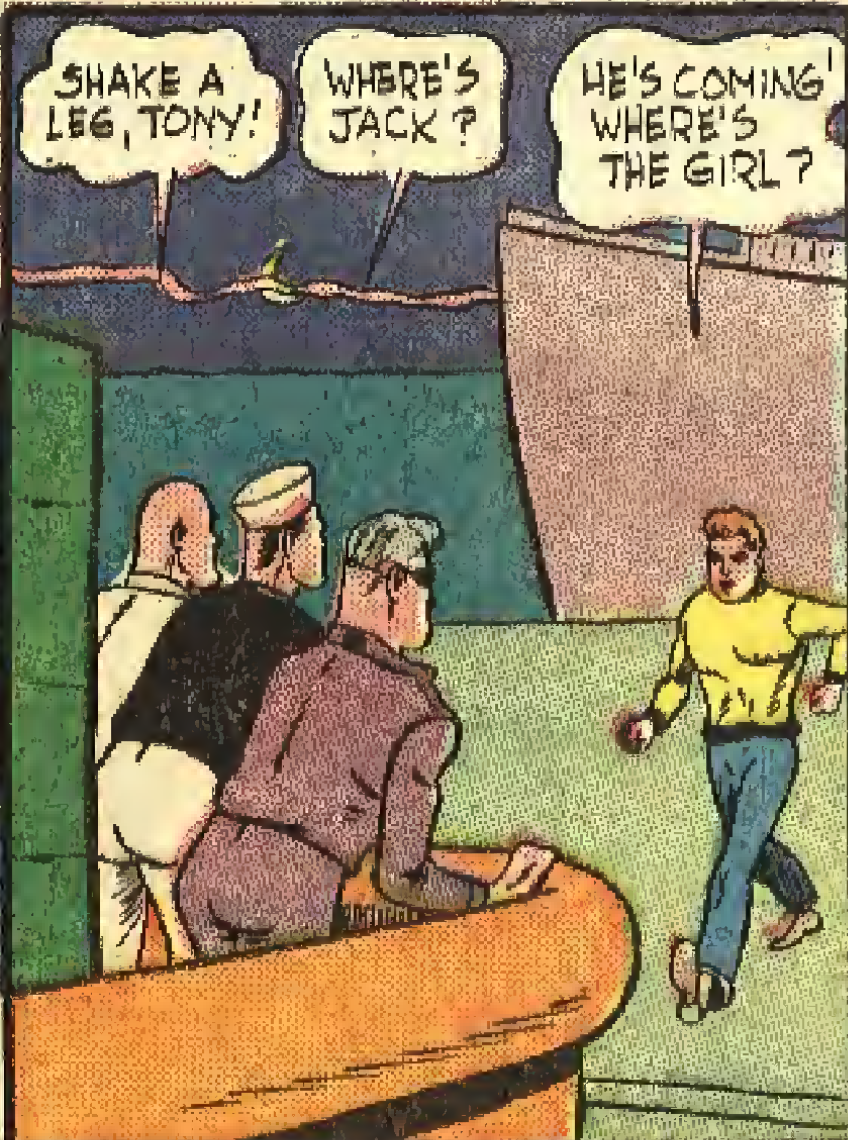


THE MIGHTY MAN HAS IT!

THE FRIGHTENED MAN SWIMS TO THE DOCK AND WITH BREATHTAKING SPEED HEADS FOR BROADWAY - BOTH HE AND HIS PARTNER HAD SEEN ENOUGH!



HEY WAIT FOR ME!



SHAKE A LEG, TONY!

WHERE'S JACK?

HE'S COMING! WHERE'S THE GIRL?

THE MIGHTY MAN THROWS THE BOY INTO THE WATER AND THEN GOES TO THE TUG DISGUISED AS TONY!



SHE'S IN THE CABIN! THE BOSS HASN'T SHOWN UP AND SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT HER OLD LADY!

SHE SHOULD BE! THE BOSS IS A QUEER DUCK HE MIGHT KILL THE GIRL'S MOTHER!

YEAH! I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED



WHERE'S MY MOTHER?

SUPER-ANN HEARS THE LAST REMARK - SHE LOSES HER HEAD

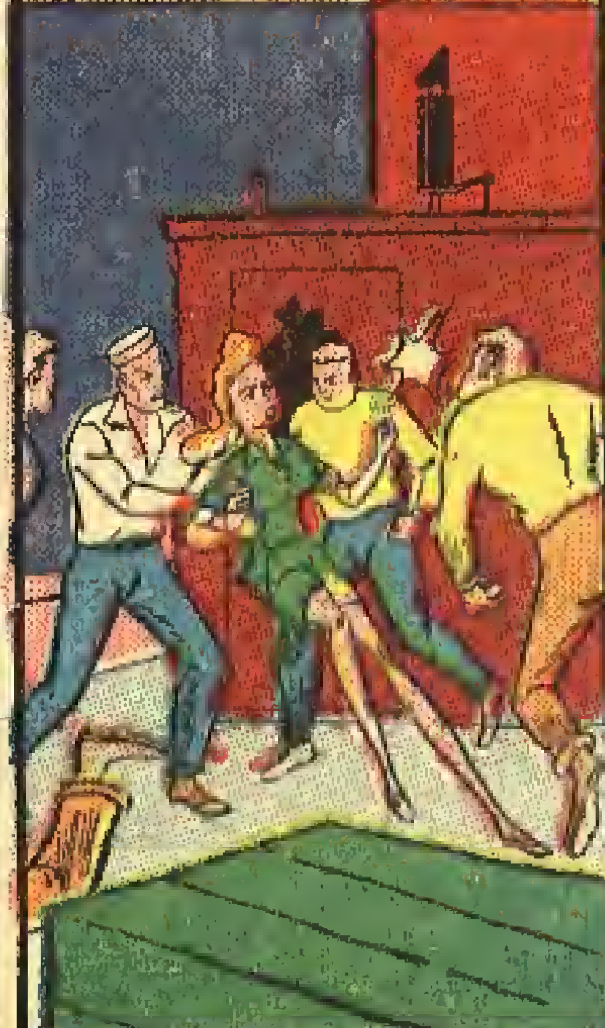
THE MEN TRY TO QUIET HER BUT HAVE LITTLE SUCCESS



I'LL KILL ALL OF YOU

SHAH

THEY TRY TO USE FORCE BUT THIS ONLY ENRAGES HER



ONE OF THE MEN USES A DELAYING PIN!



SOMEONE MIGHT HAVE HEARD HER SCREAMS!

LET'S TOSS HER OVER-BOARD!



HEY

BEFORE THE DISGUISED MIGHTY MAN CAN STOP THEM THEY THROW SUPER-ANN INTO THE OCEAN



TONY, STOP YOU FOOL!



START HER UP MEN-SOMEONE'S COMING!

YEAH! IT LOOKS LIKE A COPPER!

THEY WON'T CATCH US!

THE SABOTEUR MAKE THEIR GETAWAY



WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

I'LL EXPLAIN LATER! FIRST GIVE ME A HAND

I'VE GOT TO CHANGE MY FEATURES AGAIN!

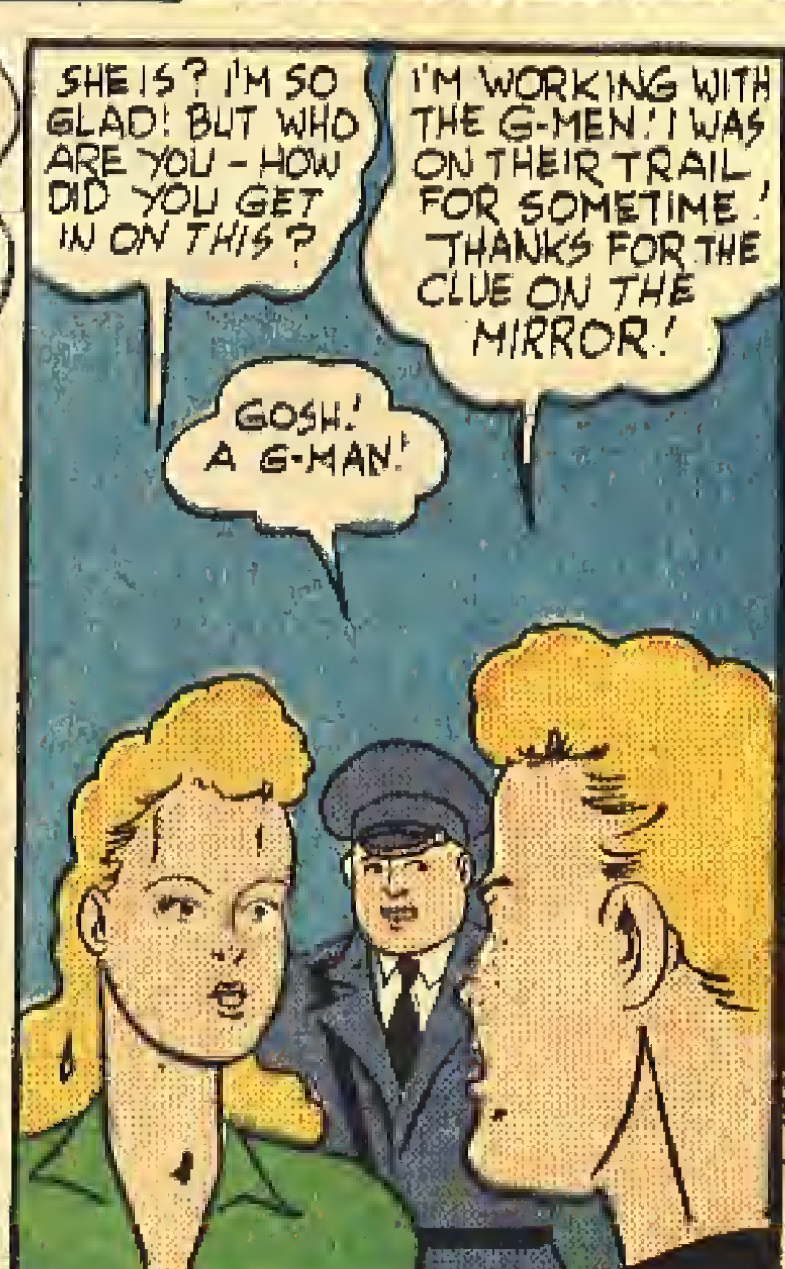


-- THESE NAZIS KIDNAPPED MOM AND THEN THREATENED TO KILL HER UNLESS I EXCHANGED THE BOYES - THE GUARDS WHO WERE IN ON THE PLOT THOUGHT IT WOULD BE TOO RISKY TO DO IT ANY OTHER WAY!

I WISH YOU HADN'T LOST YOUR HEAD - YOU SEE YOUR MOTHER IS SAFE AND AS FOR THE BOSS-HE'S DEAD!

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A FEW MINUTES LATER!



SHE IS? I'M SO GLAD! BUT WHO ARE YOU - HOW DID YOU GET IN ON THIS?

I'M WORKING WITH THE G-MEN! I WAS ON THEIR TRAIL FOR SOMETIME! THANKS FOR THE CLUE ON THE MIRROR!

GOSH! A G-MAN!



OH! BUT THAT WASN'T FOR YOU! IT WAS FOR SOMEONE ELSE! FOR MY GUARDIAN ANGEL!

YOUR WHO? HA HA! WHAT'S THAT?



THE TUG'S BLOWN UP! BUT HOW? ALL THE BOMB CRATES ARE ABOARD THE FREIGHTERS

GOSH! I MUST HAVE MOVED UP THE TIME WHEN I CHANGED THEM AROUND

OH! OH!



YOU WHAT?

HUH? HE'S GONE! LOOK HERE'S HIS SWEATER



TELL ME AGAIN, OFFICER! HOW DID HE VANISH SO QUICKLY?

I NEVER TOLD YOU ONCE! BUT I WILL TELL YOU ONE THING - I HAVE A HUNCH THE VANISHING GUY WAS YOUR GUARDIAN ANGEL!

WHEW!

THE MIGHTY MAN'S CLOTHING IS MADE OF SPECIAL RUBBERIZED MATERIAL

THE END